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It does not matter as much whence we came,
As it does where we are going.

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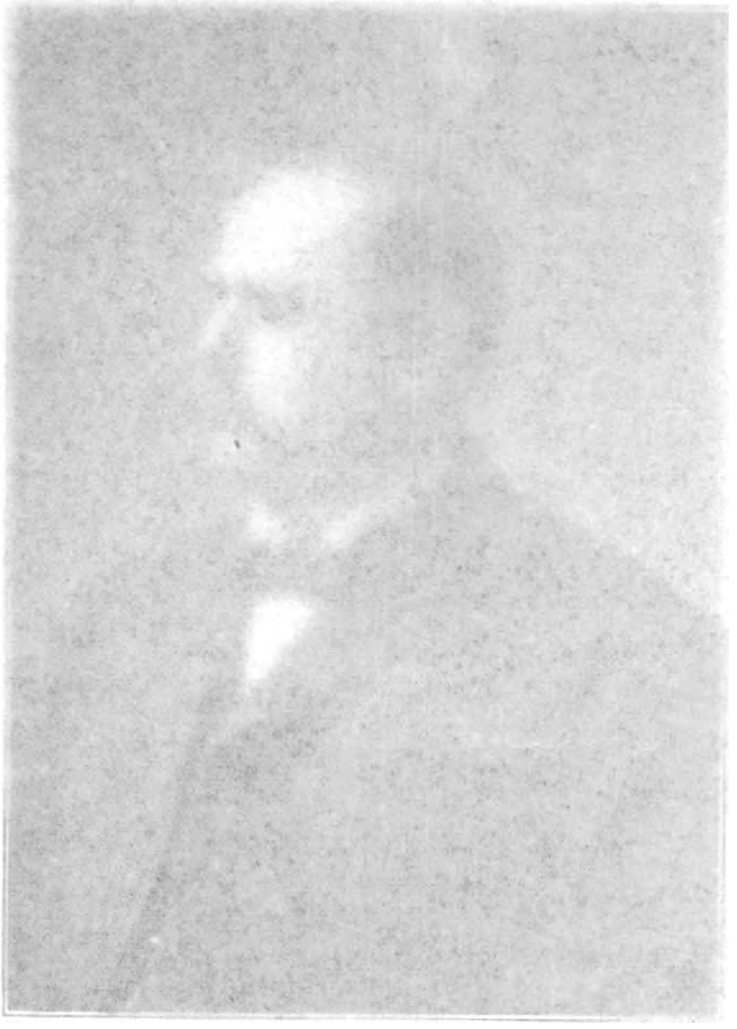

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ORIGIN OF THE SURNAME WRIGHT.

By S. Grant Oliphant, A.M., Ph.D.

Wright Is Occupative.

Wright is a familiar occupative surname. The Anglo-Saxon *wyrhta* and Middle English *wrighte, wrihte, wruhte, wurhte* and *write,* in their widest sense, signified a workman of any kind, but especially an artificer in hard metals. As smith became a general term for a worker in metals and then more specifically the worker in iron, the blacksmith, so wright, when unqualified, came to mean the worker in wood, then specifically the carpenter.

In this sense it was understood in Chaucer's time, as he writes in his Prologue, 614:

"He was a wel good wrighte, a carpentere."

Some idea of its application, however, may be gathered from its many compounds which became surnames, *e. g.,* Allwright (awl), Arkwright, Boatwright, Cartwright, Goodwright (goad), Plowright, Shipwright, Sievewright, Wainwright, Wheelwright, Millwright, Tillwright, etc. The names Cheesewright, Copperwright, Glasswright and Shoewright show workmanship in other materials than wood.

The Hundred Rolls have the surname as Le Wricte and Le Wrytte. In mediæval records it was fre-

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quently Latinized as *Faber,* both in England and on the Continent.

The Anglo-Saxon *wyrhta* is literally "a worker," as it is derived from the verb *wyrcan,* "to work." The Old High German *wurchen,* Old Norse *yrkja,* Gothic *wuaurkjan,* "to work;" Gallic *vergo,* "work;" Breton *guerg,* "effective;" Irish *do(f)airci,* "work;" Greek *(v)ergon,* "work;" Armenian *gorts,* "work;" Persian *barz, varz,* "field labor;" Avestan *verezyeiti,* "work, labor;" Sanskrit *varjati vrnakti,* "turn," and *vrjanam,* "offering" sufficiently represent the many cognates of this word.

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PREFACE

In compiling and writing this little book, or record, no attempt has been made to have it interesting to any person except those whose names appear herein, their relatives, or friends.

My intention was to begin with the first Wrights that settled in Dorchester and Somerset Counties, Eastern Shore of the Province of Maryland; thence follow each family through their several branches to the present generation.

The work was first begun nearly twenty years ago, by obtaining information from well-authenticated traditional sources, examining thousands of pages of books and records, writing hundreds of letters, traveling as many miles, and scores of personal interviews.

The work had not progressed far before it was found necessary to abandon the idea of following the branches of a greater portion of the families, on account, mainly, of the failure to interest a sufficient number of the hosts of Wrights to give such information as they had, or could easily procure, for compilation. A few, however, contributed cheerfully, and to them I am very thankful for their assistance.

Owing to the inquiries received from many of the present generation of Wrights, seeking information pertaining to their paternal ancestors, the following plan has been decided upon: that the first part of this book be devoted to the Wrights in general, giving as

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much information concerning them as I have in hand from their first record known by me after they settled on the Eastern Shore, on and until after the Colonial period, except in a few cases where the information has been obtained, will be continued until more recent years. The second and remaining part, or parts, of the book to be devoted exclusively to the record of Jesse Wright, his paternal ancestors, and his descendants, and also the names of those connecting with this family by marriage.

Great difficulty was experienced by the almost total absence of middle names from the first name that was found on the records until more than one hundred and twenty-five years afterwards. The work was also made very tedious and perplexing by the Christian names of many persons being seldom spelled or used as when first given them in infancy, but an entirely different name used instead of the correct or real one.

The question is frequently asked, is this family of Wrights related to that or the other one. Carefully guarded tradition, as handed down and told by more than one very aged person, is to the effect that there were five brothers that came from England and settled on the Eastern Shore: no one possessing the information could give the names of more than two of the five. And from still another person well versed in the traditions pertaining to the Wrights, ventures the statement that there were seven brothers that left England, five of which located as previously stated, and the other two in Baltimore County.

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I am not able to prove conclusively that there were seven, or even five, of the Wrights that were brothers, neither can I gainsay it. I have information, however, based on facts, showing that John Wright resided in Talbot County in 1698; also did one Samuel Wright in 1704.

William Wright and his brother James settled in Dorchester County about 1682.

And Edward Wright settled in Somerset County previous to 1680

Also that some Wrights settled in Baltimore County about the same time as the other five did on the Eastern Shore. There was great similarity in the Christian names of the descendants of the Wrights of Dorchester and Somerset, also in the names of the descendants of an Edward Wright that settled in Dorchester County, Md., near the line between the states of Maryland and Delaware, many years after the arrival of the other five.

Owing to there being an incomplete and in most cases no record kept in the offices of the various counties, of the licenses issued for persons to marry, previous to about 1775 or 1780, that character of information could not be given to any great extent any further back.

It can be well said of the Wrights whose names appear in this Preface as having emigrated to the Eastern Shore of the Province of Maryland, that they were manly and of the high type of moral character, adhering strictly to the tenets of the religious faith of

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their choice, and none of their descendants should think of them without a feeling of pride and satisfaction, of having descended from such worthy and noble ancestry.

Rev. Frank M. Bristol, D.D., pastor of the Metropolitan M. E. Church, often called "the President's Church", at Washington, once said that there were many persons that could not follow their family tree far without finding some relative hanging from a limb. It is a pleasure to here state that I have not found where any member of the many families mentioned in this little book has had their animation thus suspended.

Respectfully,

CHAS. W. WRIGHT,

Baltimore, Md.

January 1, 1907.

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CHAPTER I.

WRIGHTS OF MARSHYHOPE, DORCHESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND.

William and James Wright, two brothers, came from England, supposedly from Bristol, about the year 1682, with one of William Penn's Colonies, and settled in the Province of Maryland above Noris Ford* on the Marshyhope Creek, the head water of the

*Noris Ford was not the correct name for this shallow place in the upper Northwest-Fork River, where it was forded, or waded across, thereby making continuous one of the principal highways of that sction. Northwest-Fork Ford was the correct name of the Ford, but this long name in course of time became abbreviated beyond recognition, as was also the name of the river itself, which is often called Nor'es Fork.

The first change in the name of the ford was to Northwest Ford, and thence to Norwes Ford, and finally Noris Ford, and some few wrote it Norris's Ford, and thought it correct.

It was generally known as Noris Ford until a bridge was built across the river, which immediately took the name of Northwest Fork Bridge. A Mr. Cloudsberry Jones was attracted to the place, and about 1789 built the first store house to be located there, where he sold groceries and liquors until he failed financially.

While the Northwest Fork bridge was the legal name, it was more generally known as The Bridge until early in 1812, when the Federalist Party held a mass meeting there, at which militia drilled and paraded, accompanied by fifes and drums that rendered martial and patriotic airs.

Another feature of the occasion was the raising of an immense pole, or mast, to the top of which was hoisted the American flag, together with another flag bearing the name or emblem of the party. Another important part of the programme was, of course, the presence of orators of prominence, who addressed the large

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North-West Fork River, a tributary of the Nanticoke that extended through that portion of Dorchester that in 1773 became a part of Caroline County, Md. The Marshyhope extended far beyond Maryland and well up into the Province of Delaware, and the emigrant brothers may have settled far enough up this Creek so that when the line was finally established between Maryland and Delaware they were near the line dividing the two provinces.

The Ship "Welcome," Capt. Cuthbert Greenaway, arrived at Philadelphia in 1682 with 176 of Penn's colonists, but the name of neither William nor James

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assemblage, which was composed of those who had come from far and near to hear expounded the political doctrine of that fast waning party, even though it had been led by such men as Washington, Adams, Jay, Hamilton and Marshall. The party was strong, however, in Delaware and the Eastern Shore of Maryland.

The day was not far spent when the heart of every Federalist present was filled to overflowing with a stronger feeling for every principle that the Federalist Party stood for. Enthusiasm ran so high that it may be said that the village was literally baptized with it, and under the inspiration of the occasion the name of The Bridge was changed to what then appeared to be the more appropriate name of Federalsburgh.

The few Republicans in that locality did not take kindly to the new and what they claimed a partisan name, and some of them continued to call it The Bridge until years after their own party had defeated the Federalist.

While the Federalist Party soon failed and disbanded, Federalsburgh has succeeded, and is now the most progressive and up-to-date town of its size on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, and with but one slight change in the name by dispensing with the "h" and ending with "g." This change, however, was made less than a score of years ago at the request of the Postoffice Department of the U. S. Government, which made a similar request of other places.

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Wright appear on her passenger list. About that time the ships "Sarah and John" and "Bristol Factor" arrived with a large number of colonists. The name "Bristol Factor" is rather suggestive that they may have arrived on her.

The two brothers were finally known as Nicholite or Quaker Wrights, on account of their strict adherence to a very pious and religious sect called Nicholite Friends which had its stronghold in that section of country bordering on the upper Northwest-Fork River and Marshyhope Creek. This sect derived the name Nicholite from a very influential and pious Joseph Nichols, who organized the society which styled themselves friends and called their organization or society "Northwest-Fork Nicholite Friends", and, no doubt, there was much similarity between them and Friends. The two Wright brothers were not only co-workers with Mr. Nichols, but became more prominent by making long journeys as preachers to large meetings of Friends. The Nicholites' first permanent place of public worship was in a meeting house they erected on the banks of what is still known as Quaker Meeting House Branch, a stream flowing into the Northwest-Fork River, near Federalsburg. William and James were not the only Wrights that worshipped here, for also did several generations of their descendants, even after the Meeting House was moved to Piney Grove, about two miles west of Federalsburg, where they continued to worship in the plain old temple that had been made larger to accommodate

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an increased attendance. Piney Grove was not a more sacred or hallowed spot than that of the old location but more convenient to a greater number of the homes of the devout and faithful.

Of James Wright's descendants, if there be any, no record is known to have been kept. A record, however, has been kept of many of William's descendants and may be traced through some branches down to the present generation; more especially down through the line of his son William, his son John, and his son Peter; and the reader will not follow the branches of his offspring far before being convinced that he was the head of the most numerous families of Wrights on the Maryland and Delaware peninsula.

Naomie Wright is supposed to have been a sister of the brother emigrants and was also a devout Friend residing in Sussex County, Del., near the Marshyhope, who, with Joseph Atkins, also of same county and faith, appeared before the Friends at "Thirdhaven" on the 23rd day, 12th month, 1698, and publicly announced their intention to become husband and wife. They likewise made the same public declaration on the 30th day, 1st month, 1699, before a Friends' meeting at the house of William Stevens, on Dividing Creek, Talbot County.

William had five sons: William, Roger, Samuel, Edward, and John. The last three named, tradition says, went West, probably the western part of the then settled country, but East of the Allegheny mountains. The first two mentioned, William and Roger, left a

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large number of descendants. William the second married Sarah Noble, and to this union were born seven children: Nathan, William, Samuel, Edward, Noble, John and Sarah.

John, the younger son of William the second, born 1763, married Esther Harris in 1784, and to John and Esther Wright were born ten children: Sarah, James, William, Peter, Willis, Rhoda, Mary, Sarah, Lydia and John H. Wright.

Peter, the fourth child, born 1791, married 1813, Mary Anderson, born 1792, daughter of James Anderson, born 1765, and he a son of James Anderson.

Willis Wright, brother of Peter, married Hannah Wilson. He died October 11, 1817, and was buried at Denton, Md. There were born to this union at least one son, Willis Wilson Wright, born November 4, 1817, nearly one month after his father's death.

Peter Wright, son of John and Esther, and great-grandson of William, the emigrant, was one of the wealthy and influential residents of Philadelphia, Pa. He founded the shipping firm of Peter Wright & Son, of that city, which was well known in foreign ports and countries.

Nathan Wright, son of William and Sarah Wright (nee Noble), served as a Lieutenant during the Revolutionary War, and is claimed by some to have been promoted to Captain, and that his brother Noble Wright served as a private under him in the 4th Reg., Col. Rawlings, and that Nathan never married, and

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Noble inherited the land that Nathan received for his military services.

Roger Wright, son of William, the emigrant, made a Will, the following being a copy:

"In the Name of God, Amen. I, Roger Wright, of Dorchester County, Province of Maryland, Being verry weake and sick but of perfect Memory thanks be given unto God, and calling to mind the uncertainty of this Life, do make and ordain this my Last Will and Testament in manner and form following, that is to say

"First of all, I give and Bequeath my soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it, Hoping by the merit of Jesus Christ to have full and free Pardon and forgiveness of all my sins and to Inherit everlasting Life, And my Body I commit to the Earth to be Burried in a Christian Manner at the direction of My Executor hereafter named, and do for such worldly goods as it has pleased God to Bless me in this Life, I give and Dispose in the following manner.

"Item. I give unto my Daughter Ann Pain Ten Shillings with what I have Given Before to be in full Pourtion.

"Item. I give unto my daughter Betty Seventy Shillings with what I have given Before in full of her Pourtion, and all the Rest of my Estate when my debts are Paid to be Equally Divided Between the Rest of my Children.

"It is my will that my wife Be my Executor of this my Last Will and Testament, Revoaking all other

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Wills, as Witness my hand this the 17th day of June, 1748."

her	his
Elizabeth R Bartelton	Roger R Wright
mark	mark

Thos Hicks

The will was probated and sworn to Sept. 28, 1748, before Ennels Hooper, Deputy Com. D. County.

A Daniel Wright descended from the Marshyhope Wrights, and married Sarah Adams during the Eighteenth Century, at Noris's Ford, Province of Dorchester (now Federalsburg, Caroline County, Md), by the Nicholite Friends ceremony, at which time, in or near that place were also two other Daniel Wrights. Two children were born to this union, Gibson and Arena, the latter dying young.

Gibson Wright, late of Talbot County, Md., son of Daniel and Sarah Wright, was born 1799, died 1871. To Gibson and wife were born twelve children, eight of which died young. The surviving ones were: William P., Franklin Gibson, Mary, and Annie.

William P. Wright, son of Gibson, was born 1828; married and had seven children: Franklin Gibson, Victor Emanuel, Abbie M, Martha Elizabeth, Minnie Sloan, Blanch T., and Daisy May.

Franklin Gibson, son of Gibson, was born 1832; married and had four children: Charles, Elizabeth, Virginia, and Margaret.

Mary Wright, daughter of Gibson, married a Mr. Newman.

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Annie Wright, daughter of Gibson, married a Mr. Lloyd.

All of Gibson Wright's children, and possibly his grandchildren, were reared in Talbot County.

John Wright, of Talbot County, in 1698, willed to wife and minor daughter Mary certain property.

Samuel Wright, of Talbot County, is also mentioned in a Will in 1704.

John Wright obtained a license in Talbot County, Nov. 15, 1814, to marry Sarah Benny.

Joseph C, Wright obtained a license in Talbot County, July 9, 1825, to marry Mary Clark.

Neither of the last mentioned four are believed to be in any way related to the Marshyhope Wrights nor to any by that name now residing in Talbot County.

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CHAPTER II.

From the Nicholite Records.

Extracts from the records of the Northwest-Fork Nicholits Friends show that many of the Wrights were consistent members of that society nearly seventy-five years after the days of activity in the same society as their paternal ancestors of Marshyhope, William and James, the emigrants, and at least twenty-five years after that organization became one of the society of Friends proper. The following pages are from the above mentioned records, giving names and dates of marriages, also some of the witnesses thereto:

"These may certify whom it may concern that Levin Wright and Mary Rumbly, both single persons of Dorchester County, in the province of Maryland, having first publicly made known their intentions of marriage and no lawfull objections being made, did on the eleventh day of the seventh month, one thousand seven hundred, seventy-three, in a public congregation of people acknowledge their marriage engagement, each to the other, the man taking the woman to be his lawfully wedded wife, the woman taking the man to be her lawfully wedded husband, in consequence whereof the woman thereafter assumes the surname of the man. In testimony whereof we

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being present do subscribe our names the day and year above written."

(1773)

	LEVIN WRIGHT.
	MARY WRIGHT
ROGER WRIGHT	THOMAS WILLIS
OWEN SULEVANE	WILLIAM BERRY
SARAH CHARLES	THOMAS WATKINS
JAMES HARRISS	JOSHUA CHILCUTT
ISAAC CHARLES	ELIZABETH RUMBLY
JOHN BARTON	MARY HARRISS

It is also learned from the same record that:

"On July 6, 1778, James Wright and Sarah Harriss, of Caroline County, were married at Friends Meeting-house, in the county aforesaid, and some of the witnesses were Lemuel Wright, Levin Wright, and Sarah Wright."

"On April 4, 1780, James Wright (son of Roger) and Sarah Wright, both of Caroline County, were married at the Friends Meeting house in the County aforesaid, among the witnesses were James Wright, Levin Wright, Levin Wright, Jr."

"On Nov. 6, 1784, John Wright and Esther Harris both of Caroline County, were married at the Friends Meeting house aforesaid, among the witnesses were Lemuel Wright, Elisha Wright, Sarah Wright, Celia Wright, and Hatfield Wright."

"On Nov. 12, 1784, James Harris, son of Wliliam, and Celia Wright, both of Caroline County, were mar-

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ried at Friends Meeting house, in the County aforesaid. Among the witnesses were John Wright, James Wright, Mary Wright, Roger Wright, Sarah Wright, James Wright, Hatfield Wright, Levin Wright, and Esther Wright."

"On Jan. 15, 1785, Moses Leverton and Rachael Wright, both of Caroline County, Md., were married at Friends Meeting house in the North West Fork." (Names of witnesses not given.)

"On Dec. 3, 1785, Daniel Wright, and Sarah Harris, both of Caroline County, Md., were married at Friends Meeting house."

"On Jan. 14, 1786, Willis Charles of Dorchester County, and Sarah Wright, of Caroline County, Md., were married at Friends Meeting-house, in the North West Fork."

"On Feb. 3, 1787, James Wright (son of Levin), and Ann Ward, both of Caroline County, Md., were married at Friends Meeting-house in said County."

"On Dec. 5, 1789, Jacob Wright and Rhoda Harris, both of Caroline County, Md., were married at Friends Meeting house, in the County aforesaid."

"On Oct. 16, 1790, Hatfield Wright, of Caroline County, and Euphama Charles, of Dorchester County, Md., were married at Friend Meeting house at the North West Fork in Dorchester County, now Piney Grove Meeting house near Federalsburg."

"On Jan. 17, 1793, Henry Charles and Mary Wright, both of Caroline County, Md., were married at Friends Meeting house at North West Fork."

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"On Dec. 26, 1793, Edward Hubbert and Ann Wright, of Caroline County, Md., were married at North West Fork Friends Meeting house."

"On Oct. 13, 1796, Hatfield Wright and Lucretia Lowe, the man of Caroline County, and the woman of Dorchester County, Md., were married at Friends Meeting house at North West Fork."

"On Dec. 20, 1804, Roger Wright (son of James and Sarah Wright) and Mary Wright (daughter of James and Ann Wright), both of Caroline County, Md., were married at North West Fork Friends Meetinghouse."

"On Feb. 19, 1807, William Wright (son of James and Sarah Wright) and Celia Wright (daughter of Jacob and Rhoda Wright) were married at North West Fork Meetinghouse."

"On Dec. 12, 1810, Elisha Wright (son of James and Sarah Wright) and Adah Williams, of Caroline County, Md., were married at North West Fork Meetinghouse."

"On Jan. 23, 1812, Anthony Whiteley and Sarah Wright of Caroline County, Md., were married at North West Fork, Friend Meeting house."

"On Feb. 17, 1813, Peter Wright (son of John and Esther Wright) and Mary Anderson of Caroline County, Md., were married at North West Fork, Friends Meeting house." This is the same Peter Wright referred to before as the head of that well-known shipping firm in Philadelphia, Pa.

"On Jan. 18, 1813, Levin Barton and Loviey Wright

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(daughter of Daniel and Sarah Wright), of Caroline County, Md., were married."

"On Mar. 12, 1817, Hatfield Wright and Mary Wright, of Caroline County, Md., were married at North West Fork Friends Meeting house."

"On Jan. 22, 1822, Peter Stanton and Celia Wright, of Caroline County, Md., were married at North West Fork Friends Meeting house."

"On Feb. 19, 1824, John R. Wright, of Caroline County, Md., and Mary Charles, of Dorchester County, Md., were married at North West Fork Friends Meeting house."

"The Nicholite Friends records show the following names and dates of births of Wrights:

Levin Wright, son of Roger and Mary Wright, born Dec. 27, 1757.

James Wright, son of Roger and Mary Wright, born Dec. 3, 1760.

Sarah Wright, daughter of Lemuel and Elizabeth Wright, born Nov. 18, 1762.

John Wright, son of William and Sarah Wright, born Mar. 3, 1763.

Daniel Wright, son of Lemuel and Elizabeth Wright, born June 24, 1765,

Selah Wright, daughter of Roger and Mary Wright, born May 17, 1766.

Rachael Wright, daughter of Lemuel and Elizabeth Wright, born Oct. 2, 1767.

Hatfield Wright, son of Roger and Mary Wright, born Mar. 3, 1769.

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Jacob Wright, son of Lemuel and Elizabeth Wright, born Oct. 22, 1770.

Ann Wright, daughter of Lemuel and Elizabeth Wright, born Jan. 22, 1772.

Mary Wright, daughter of Roger and Mary Wright, born May 31, 1773.

Sarah Wright, daughter of John and Esther Wright, born Oct. 2, 1785.

Celia Wright, daughter of James Wright, born Nov. 3, 1784.

James Wright, son of John and Esther Wright, born Oct. 5, 1786.

William Wright, son of John and Esther Wright, born May 13, 1788.

Peter Wright, son of John and Esther Wright, born Feb. 27, 1791.

Willis Wright, son of John and Esther Wright, born May 13, 1793.

Rebecca Kelley Wright, daughter of James and Mary Wright, born May 5, 1816.

On 12th day, 10th month, 1797, the Nicholite Friends of the North West Fork presented their views to the Friends of the Thirdhaven monthly meeting, and on the 1st and 10th of 11th month, 1798, the Nicholite Friends were taken over by the Friends of Thirdhaven. There were at least twelve Wrights in good standing on the records of the Nicholites, nearly or all are supposed to have been the descendants of William and James Wright, of Marshyhope. Their names were, John Wright, Esther Wright, Elizabeth

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Wright, Mary Wright, Jacob Wright, Rhoda Wright, Daniel Wright, Sarah Wright, James Wright, Sarah Wright, Hatfield Wright and Lucretia Wright.

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CHAPTER III.

Wrights of Wrights Meadows, Dorchester County, Md.

Edward Wright, of Wright's Meadows, came from Isle of Wight, England, in 1716, but from another source comes the statement that he was born on Isle of Wight in 1716 and came to this country afterwards, but as the latter statement is not corroborated the former is more readily accepted as correct.

He acquired, by patents or grants, a large landed estate on the line dividing the provinces of Maryland and Delaware, but the greater portion of his possessions laid in the former province.

The original patents or grants, and dates of same, are as follows:

Wilson's Range, Dec. 15, 1738, containing 232 acres.

Wright's Regulation, Aug. 18, 1743, containing 443 acres.

Wright's Meadows, Oct. 14, 1756, containing 658 acres.

Wright's Reserve, June 20, 1760, containing 101 acres.

Neighbour's Neglect, Sept. 19, 1776, containing 163 acres.

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Wilson's Range, Apr. 9, 1783, containing 109 1-2 acres.

Edward resided at the Meadows and this fine plantation became the ancestral home upon which all or a portion of each generation since were born, reared and possessed. The Meadows are now occupied by John Newton Wright, who was born there near fourscore years ago, and he, like his father Isaac and grandfather Edward, has been a worthy master of the old Homestead, and not only presiding at the Meadows as a typical country gentleman, but served his county for many years in the responsible office of a school commissioner. Whether in public office or a private trust his duties have been faithfully performed.

Wright's Reserve also remains in the family and is now the home and possession of Robert Lee Wright, a son of John N.

When Caroline County was organized in 1773 and a portion was taken from Dorchester for that purpose, the dividing line passed through Edward Wright's Estate, and afterwards one portion lay in each Caroline and Dorchester Counties, Maryland, and still another portion in Sussex County, Delaware; hence it lay in three counties and two states, but left the home in Maryland.

Edward Wright made a Will Dec. 11, 1794, and died May 1, 1795, having lived far beyond the number of years allotted to man. Was buried at the Meadows.

He married Nancy Wilson, widow of James Wilson,

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and to this union were born five children: Jacob, Isaac, Lovey, Jesse, and Celia.

Jacob Wright, first child of Edward, born Nov. 18, 1759; married Nov. 26, 1780, Milcah Cannon, daughter of Levin Cannon. To him were born fourteen children, as follows:

Edward Wright, born Jan. 29, 1782; died Jan. 11, 1863, without issue.

Elizabeth Wright, born Mar. 27, 1783; died Apr. 25, 1839. She was married three times.

Jesse Wright, born Jan. 9, 1785; died Aug. 12, 1790.

Nathan Wright, born Nov. 11, 1787; died Jan. 28, 1821.

Nancy Wright, born Oct. 9, 1789.

Patty Wright, born Aug. 13, 1791; died Apr. 24, 1792.

Levin Wright, born July 16, 1793.

Sina Wright, born May 27, 1796; died Sept. 25, 1871.

Margaret Wright, born July 29, 1798; died Dec. 27, 1890.

Henry Jefferson Wright, born Aug. 25, 1800; died Dec. 22, 1831.

Constantine Wright, born July 20, 1802.

Lewis Newton Wright, born Aug. 18, 1804; died Dec. 25, 1883.

Jeremiah C. Wright, born June 3, 1806; died Feb., 1867.

Mary Holmes Wright, born Sept. 14, 1808.

Isaac Wright, second child of Edward, born Jan.

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19, 1762, was twice married; the first time on Feb. 5, 1787, to his cousin, Peggy Wright, born Dec. 2, 1764; died Jan. 2, 1818; four children were born to this union, as follows: William, Amelia, Celia, and Jesse.

William Wright, born Aug. 5, 1788; died Mar. 30, 1822. Never married.

Amelia Wright, born Aug. 3, 1790; died Apr. 11, 1859; married Nov. 6, 1810, Ezekiel T. Reid. To them were born five children—three boys and two girls.

Celia Wright, born Sept. 3, 1791; died May 4, 1812; married May 14, 1807, Joseph Douglass. To them were born three children—one boy and two girls.

Jesse Wright, born Nov. 20, 1794; died Sep. 10, 1825; married Apr. 16, 1818, Elizabeth Wingate Dawson. To them was born one son, William G. Wright, who died Nov. 4, 1838.

Isaac Wright, second child of Edward, on July 29, 1823, married, for his second wife, Anne Adkins, widow of a Doctor Adkins. Before her marriage to Dr. Adkins, was a Miss Jackson, first cousin to "Stonewall" Jackson, the well-known and brave Confederate General. She was also a great granddaughter of Admiral Abner Jackson, an officer under Lord Horatio Nelson, the British hero, and fought with him, on Oct.21, 1805, in the famous naval battle of Trafalgar. For distinguished bravery a coat of arms was awarded him by King George, which is still in the family of the Wrights of the "Meadows."

To this second marriage were born six children:

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William W., Isaac Henry, John Newton, Anne, Harriet P., and Celia.

William W. Wright, now deceased, no record.

Isaac Henry Wright married, Feb. 17, 1853, Elizabeth S. Craft, of Vienna, Md., and resided on his estate near East New Market, Dorchester County, Md. To this union were born nine children.

John Newton Wright, born Oct. 26, 1829; married in 1856, Rebecca C. Phillips, of Delaware. To this union were born nine children.

Anne Wright, now deceased, married William T. Vickers, and to them children were born. Mr. and Mrs. Vickers resided on their fine estate near East New Market, and adjoining that of her brother Isaac Henry.

Harriet P. Wright married Hon. Daniel M. Fields. To this union several children were born and reared. Mr. Fields for several years represented Caroline County in the Maryland Senate, and was more than once President of that body. Soon after their marriage they erected a large and attractive residence on a portion of, or adjoining, the Wright homestead, and appropriately calling it "Oak Grove." When the Cambridge and Seaford Railroad, which runs across this estate, was completed, the station at this place was also named "Oak Grove". This railroad station, however, is just over the state line, and is, therefore, in Delaware. Since the establishing of this station, in order to distinguish this family of Wrights from other families of the same name, they are often referred to as the Wrights of Oak Grove. It may be

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more convenient to thus designate them, but can it be done without depreciating the sentiment that justly belongs to the ancestral home "Wright's Meadows", which should be dear to every descendant of that worthy sire, Edward Wright?

Celia Wright, daughter of Isaac, married a well-known doctor, William Shipley.

Lovey Wright, third child of Edward, born July 15, 1764.

Jesse Wright, fourth child of Edward, born May 21, 1766.

Celia Wright, the fifth child of Edward, born June 7, 1768.

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CHAPTER IV.

Samuel Wright of Dorchester County, Md.

Samuel Wright was born and reared in a section that can best be located by calling it Middle Dorchester County, and near what is now the town of Hurlock. A greater portion of his descendants were born and grew to man- or womanhood in the same portion of the county.

Samuel was the son of Samuel Wright, Sr., who also resided in the same county and was of English birth or descent. It is, at present, not definitely known by the writer whether it was the elder or the younger Samuel who served in the American Revolution, but inclines to the opinion that it was the father.

It is of record that Samuel Wright enlisted in the Dorchester County Militia as a private in the 2d Regiment, May 20, 1778, and was discharged December 24, 1779.

Samuel was known to have at least two brothers who went West when young men, while he remained in Dorchester until his death, which was about 1836.

He married Miss Nichols, of Caroline County, a member of that well-known family of that name that has resided in practically the same section of Caroline for at least fifty years before the County was organized. A license was issued for the marriage of Samuel Wright and Dorcus Nichols December 24, 1807. To

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this union were born nine children: Eleanor, Nichols, Margaret Ann, Isaac, Harriet, Emily (called Millie), Samuel, Mary Catherine, and Sarah Jane.

Eleanor, daughter of Samuel and Dorcus Wright, married James Nichols. To them four children were born: Thomas Henry, dead; Margaret Ann, married Levin P. Williams; James, married Rowena Wright; Salisbury, dead.

Nichols, son of Samuel and Dorcus Wright, married Mary E. Shannahan. To them seven children were born: Eliza Ann, married John Dean; James, married Ellen Cray; Margaret Ellen, married Thomas Rowins; Mary Frances, single; Thomas I., married Lizzie Johnson; Ida Virginia, married George Trice; and Emma, married Wesley Stevens.

Margaret Ann, daughter of Samuel and Dorcus Wright, married Daniel Robinson. To them two children were born: Samuel, drowned; Ada, married E. J. Willoughby.

Isaac, son of Samuel and Dorcus Wright, married twice; first, Sarah Ann Hubbard. To them two children were born: Martin, married; Charles, married. Isaac's second marriage was to Annie Perry, and to them was born one child: Hortense, single.

Harriet, daughter of Samuel and Dorcus Wright, married twice; first to Garrison Dukes. To them two children were born: Levin, no record; Sarah Catherine, married Jasper Nichols. Harriet's second marriage was to James Johnson. To them three children were born: Benjamin, married Laura Hurlock; Lizzie,

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married Thomas I. Wright; Phillips, now dead, married a Miss Palmer.

Emily, daughter of Samuel and Dorcus Wright, married James Sullivane. To them five children were born: Fannie, single; George, married a Miss Kinnamon; Milton, married a Miss Richardson; Charles, married a Miss Lloyd; Ella, married Samuel Larrimore.

Samuel, son of Samuel and Dorcus Wright, married Susan Mills. To them nine children were born: W. Columbus, married Emma V. Webster; Ollie, married J. Albert Williams; James O. married Rebecca Baker; Mollie, married John A. Harper; Katie, married Charles Brohawn; Lillie, married Walter Cooper; Raymond, single; Harry C., married Katie Frances; Samuel, married Fannie Robinson.

Mary Catherine, daughter of Samuel and Dorcus Wright, married Jabez Wright. To them were born seven children: Rhoena V., married James M. Nichols; J. Marcus, married Amanda Nichols; Rodolph, married Minnie Lewis; Kenley J., married Mary Williams; Alvin W., single; Everet C., married Hattie Williams; Zed, married Kittie Von Volkenberg.

Sarah Jane, daughter of Samuel and Dorcus Wright, married Woolford Merrick. To them three children were born: Samuel, married W. Twilley; Norah, married Irvin Higgins; Will, married.

Nichols, the first son born to Samuel Wright, lived to be older than any of the sisters and brothers that

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preceded him in death, and was more prominent than any of Samuel's children. Grew to manhood on the farm, and by his industry and business ability not only acquired a large landed estate, but was interested in more than one sailing vessel, such craft being at that time the principal means of transportation by water. Back Landing, on the Caroline County side of Hunting Creek, a tributary of the Great Choptank River, was the shipping point for the section round about for many miles, to or from Baltimore and other ports. Frequently two of these sailing packets would, at the same time, be discharging or loading their cargoes from the warehouse or from scows that carried freight from or to the Dorchester side farther up the creek and nearer Mr. Wright's estate. He filled many offices tendered him by his District or County, with the same fidelity and honor that attended his other transactions through life, for it can be truthfully written that he was well known for his honesty and fair dealings with his fellow-man.

He was also a consistent and active member of the Methodist Protestant Church, contributed liberally to and punctually attended one of that denomination called Zion, near his home.

Nichols Wright was born August 12, 1812, married in 1837, and resided on his home estate lying about equi-distant between the towns of Hurlock and Preston, until about 1896, when he took up his residence in the former town, where he died, Oct. 1, 1900, in his 89th year.

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CHAPTER V.

Ishmael Wright and Arthur Wright, of Lower Dorchester County, Md.

Ishmael Wright in 1651 received 200 acres of land for transporting himself and wife into the Province of Maryland.

On Feb. 7, 1655, Antonie LeCompt assigned his right to 200 acres of land due him to Ishmael Wright.

"At a Provisional Court held June 16, 1656, Caveat of 200 acres of land is granted to Ishmael Wright lying at the dividing joining to the land which he hath taken up allready, and he is to make his rights appear at the next Court."

"Wright's Choice, 200 acres, Patented 1665, for Ishmael Wright in the Western branch of the Transquakin River in possession of Edward Stevens, who pays the rent, 4s."

"Arthur Wilton, No. 14, 1665, willed to Ishmael Wright, Executor, personalty in trust for father of testator."

"William Stockton, Dec. 22, 1666, willed to Thomas Wright all lands to Mary Wright, Robert Wright, Margaret Wright, Ishmael Wright, Sallie White, Guy White, and John Davis, and the friends personalty."

William Bonniday, Patuxent, willed, 31 May, 1653, to Guy White and Arthur Wright personalty.

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"Steward's Place, Patented 15 Aug., 1665, for John Steward on the East Side of Seward Creek on the North Side of Little Choptank River 300 acres in possession of Henry Deckworth 50 acres to the heirs of Arthur Wright."

"Wright's Lott, 100 acres, surveyed December 26, 1671, for Arthur Wright, on the West Side of Wright's Creek in possession of Charles Wheeler, yearly rent, 4s."

"Crick, 66 acres, surveyed Sept. 25, 1672, for Arthur Wright, at an oak near the North side of Little Choptank River, given by Morris Mathews, Elinor Wright, and in possession of her father, Edward Wright, 2s 8p."

"Five Pines, 106 acres, surveyed Dec. 27, 1672, for Arthur Wright in Castlehaven Bay on the southern most side of the Marsh, in possession of John Howard, 4s 3p."

"Wright's Hope, 114 acres, surveyed Dec. 27, 1672, for Arthur Wright, in Todd's Bay, at a pine at the head of Duck Creek, to the heirs of Arthur Wright, 4s 3p."

"Ross's Range, land surveyed Dec. 22, 1681, lying between Hudson's Creek and Arthur Wright's Creek."

Arthur Wright, Gent., Kent Island, 23 Aug., 1676, willed to three sisters in England, Alice, Ann, Barbary, personalty to wife Katherine Execx., Residuary legatee of Estate, real and personal.

Test: M. Miller. Thomas Wright.

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From information obtained, indicates that Ishmael and Arthur Wright first landed when they came to this Province in St. Mary's or Calvert County, and may have been related to other Wrights that came into the Province about the same time and settled in the two counties mentioned.

The writer has not found where either Ishmael or Arthur were in any way related to the Wrights that settled in the upper part of Dorchester County, as previously mentioned.

Note.—Previous to 1700, John Kirk sold to Charles Wright a lot in Cambridge, Md., adjoining the Parish Church, called the "Market Place," supposed to be the "Sullivane House."

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CHAPTER VI.

Licenses Issued In Dorchester County, Md., From 1780 to 1825, Inclusive, for Wrights to Marry.

1780.

Joshua Wright and Sarah Turpin, Feb. 19.

1785.

Lovey Wright and Abraham Lewis, Feb. 21.

1786.

Isaac Wright and Margaret Wright, March 9.

1787.

Elisha Wright and Mary Medford, June 4.

1791.

Nancy Wright and Thomas Foster, Nov. 28.

1793.

Henry Wright and Dorothy Webb, Jan. 10.

1796.

Noble Wright and Ann Vickers, Jan. 7.
Perry Wright and Mary Lord, July 9.
Henry Wright and Sarah Fraser, Sept. 26.

1797.

Elizabeth Wright and Robert Stevens, Feb. 1.

1799.

Elizabeth Wright and Joshua Willis, Sept. 2.
Nathan Wright and Nancy Granger, Nov. 6.

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1802.

Levin Wright and Susan King, April 12.

1804.

Ann Wright and Woolford North, Feb. 15.
Henry Wright and Betsy Soward, June 18.

1805.

Mabel Wright and William Clemmons, Jan. 3.
Milcah Wright and Charles Paul, Jan. 17.
William Wright and Maturah Smith, Jan. 23.
Thomas Wright and Lena Marshall, Feb. 19.
Tristram Wright and Elizabeth Dallehay, Aug. 8.

1807.

Celia Wright and Joseph Douglass, May 11.
Famy Wright and John Pattison, Sept. 23.
Elizabeth Wright and James Armitage, Dec. 5.
William Wright and Elizabeth Lucas, Dec. 24.
Samuel Wright and Dorcus Nichols, Dec. 24.

1808.

Charles Wright and Rosannah Corkran, April 7.

1809.

Catherine Wright and Daniel Stevens, Oct. 19.
Mary Wright and Charles Hill, Dec. 11.

1810.

Amelia Wright and Ezekiel Reed, Oct. 6.

1811.

Edward Wright and Pricilla Layton, July 8.
Jacob Wright and Mary Smith, Dec. 10.

1814.

Nancy Wright and Francis Stevens, Jan. 11.

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1815.

Margaret Wright and Arthur Lowe, Jan. 4.
Amy Wright and William Conwell, April 25.
Aaron Wright and Rebecca Williams, Oct. 30.

1816.

Elizabeth Wright and Thomas Connely, March 5.
Lenah Wright and Tristram Handy, April 14.

1817.

Clement Wright and Emily Nunan, April 14.
Nathan Wright and Sarah Woodland, April 30.
Perry Wright and Mary Hill, Sept. 2.

1818.

Cornelius Wright and Mabel Stevens, Feb. 28.
John Wright and Sally More, Dec. 10.

1819.

Jesse Wright and Eliza Willis, Jan. 11.

1820.

Constant Wright and Nelly Hurst, Dec. 23.

1822.

Martin L. Wright and Mary Wall, Jan. 28.
Caleb Wright and Mary Holmes, April 16.
James Wright of Jno. and Emily Gray, July 8.

1823.

Isaac Wright and Cyrena Wright, April 28.
Louisa Wright and William Corkran, Oct. 28.

1824.

Mary Wright and William Stevens, Nov. 9.

1825.

Harriet Wright and William R. Thompson, Jan. 25.

Note.—Many of the above names appear in other parts of this book, and some are spelled different.

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CHAPTER VII.

LICENSES ISSUED IN CAROLINE COUNTY, MD., FROM 1778 TO 1825, INCLUSIVE, FOR WRIGHTS TO MARRY.

1778.

Ann Wright and Shadrach Willis, Oct. 13.

1779.

Rebekah Wright and Charles Scoudrick, Feb. 7.

1786.

Celia Wright and Isaac Nichols, Nov. 26.

1790.

Elizabeth Wright and John Waddell, Aug. 3.

1791.

Tristram Wright and Elizabeth Waddell, Nov. 20.

1796.

Joseph Wright and Annestatia Merridith, Sept. 26.

1797.

Rhody Wright and Pritchett Ross, Oct. 2.

1798.

Sarah Wright and Levin Williams, Feb. 27.

John Wright and Ann Webb, Aug. 30.

Peter Wright and Esther Ross, Oct. 1.

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1799.

Anna Wright and Edgar Andrew, July 27.
Esther Wright and Zebeda Whiteley, Sept. 24.

1800.

Levin Wright and Mary Ward, July 30.

1801.

Sarah Wright and Johnathan Jacobs, Aug. 17.
Mary Wright and Thomas Duhadaway, Sept. 15.

1802.

Levica Wright and Levin Wrotton, Oct. 19.

1804.

Lydia Wright and Isaac Pool, March 5.

1807.

Joshua Wright and Mary Hutchinson, Dec. 14.

1808.

Susan Wright and William Burton, March 23.
Nancy Wright and Arthur Willis, July 1.
James Wright of John and Nancy Kelley, Oct. 3.

1813.

William Wright and Rebecca Dukes, March 18.

1815.

William Wright of Caleb and Eleanor Dukes, June 6.
Viney Wright and Samuel Thayrp, June 29.

1817.

Daniel Wright and Ann Wright, Jan. 9.
Harris Wright and Ann Kimmey, April 10.
Catherine Wright and Samuel Freeman, April 19.

1819.

Peter Wright and Catherine Collins, April 14.

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1821.

Sarah Wright and Daniel Ward, Jan. 10.
Rosa Wright and Samuel Thorington, Feb. 6.

1822.

John Wright and Mary Stafford, June 10.

1824.

James Wright of James, and Levica Willis, Jan. 27.
Hatfield Wright and Elizabeth Hickman, Oct. 26.
Ann Wright and John Griffith, Dec. 25.

1825.

Gibson Wright and Elizabeth Parrott, Jan. 15.

Note.—Many of the above names appear in other parts of this book, and some are spelled different.

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CHAPTER VIII.

Wrights of Somerset County, Maryland.

Edward Wright, of Barren Creek, is said to have come from England about 1660, and settled on or near Barren Creek, a tributary issuing from the south side of the Nanticoke River and extending through a portion of Somerset that has since become Wicomico County, Maryland. There may be some uncertainty as to when he came to that particular section, but there is no doubt as to his possessions in that locality nearly twenty years after the above mentioned year. It is positively known that Edward was not the first Wright that obtained a foothold on Somerset soil, as one of the succeeding pages will show that in 1666 one Bloyce Wright possessed 150 acres, for which he paid an annual rent of 1 pound, 3 shillings.

This tract of land was known as Bloyce's Hope, and lay several miles south of Barren Creek. It should not be inferred that by paying an annual rent the possessor was nothing more than a tenant, for such was not the case, as few if any grants were given at that time without the payment of a nominal rent being a condition precedent.

Edward Wright patented considerable land in the Barren Creek section, as the official records disclose the following surveys and patents in his name.

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Goshen, surveyed 300 acres March 20, 1679, for Samuel Cooper and assigned to Edward Wright near Panotuson 150 acres, possessed by John Win, now by Randall Smullen but not conveyed, 150 by Anne Riggon. 12s.

White Chapel, surveyed 300 acres, Nov. 20, 1685, for Edward Wright, possessed by John Samnee. 12s. rent.

Mile End, surveyed May 22, for Edward Wright, lying near the head of Barren Creek, 150 acres of said land possessed by John Sammee, 150 acres the residue of Jahn Parramorr's widow. 12s. yearly rent.

Allgate, surveyed 149 acres Nov. 12, 1688, for Edward Wright, in the woods from main branch of Barren Creek possessed by John Sammee. 6s.

Edward Wright on Sept. 24, 1694, obtained a Patent for 150 acres of land called "Allgate" lying back of the woods about one-half mile from and on the North side of Barren Creek main branch and adjoining land called "Mile End," formerly surveyed for said Wright.

Edward Wright on May 13, 1700, obtained a patent for 250 acres of land called "Barren Quarter" in Somerset County, Province of Maryland.

Barren Quarter, surveyed 250 acres Sept. 15, 1700, for Edward Wright on the North side of a creek issuing out of the south side of the Nanticoke River called Barren Creek, possessed by Edward Wright. 10s.

Edward Wright married Katherine, daughter of Nehemiah Covington, who died; her burial was Au-

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gust 7, 1681, on her father's plantation. Edward Wright had one son, Jacob. He may have also been the father of other children, Solomon and Esther included. Many of his descendants are long lived, yet Jacob is not likely to have been the son of Katherine, as she preceded him in death one hundred and sixteen years. Therefore, it is assumed that Edward married more than once. Will here state that there appears to have been three Edward Wrights living not farther than thirty miles from each other, the other two in Dorchester County, one of which at Wright's Meadows, near the State of Delaware.

Jacob Wright, son of Edward, died Friday, May 26, 1797, and was buried in the family burying ground under a walnut tree he planted on the plantation where he lived and died, lying near Barren Creek Springs (now Mardela), Somerset County (now Wicomico County), Md. This plantation has been in the Wright family for many generations, being now owned and occupied by Beauchamp A. Wright, who is 86 years of age, and the oldest living descendant of Edward.

Immediately after Jacob's burial a large and nicely hewn cedar post was substantially placed at his grave, and it there remained standing in a good state of preservation for over one hundred and five years, performing the solemn duty of marking the last resting place of all that was mortal of Jacob Wright. He married Elizabeth Baily in May, 1754, who died at 5 o'clock P. M., Saturday, November 23, 1811.

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Jacob Wright made a will October 11, 1796. Extracts from same are as follows:

"To my 2 sons Joseph Wright and Benjamin Wright, All my lands to be equally divided among themselves.

"Land called 'Now or Never,' 53½ acres, Tract called 'Chance,' 50 acres, Tract called 'Jacob's delight' 10 acres & 25 acres in a Tract of Bartholumew Taylor's for which I have a conveyance and 6 A land I bought from Benjamin Goshen; also each of them 1 cow & calf. To son Joshua Wright 1 negro Boy Charles. To son Isaac Wright I negro garl Rose. To daughter Nelly Cooper 1 negro garl Kitty, Then Kitty goes to her daughter Betty Cooper. To daughter Betty Winser negro garl Alice her life then to her daughter Pegy Winser. To my wife Betty Wright 1 negro woman called Rose to dispose of her and increase as she thinks fit.

"To my grand daughter Nelly Taylor 1 Feather bed and Furniture.

"Balance of moovable estate to my 7 children Joshua, Isaac, Nelly, Sary, Betty, Joseph and Benjamin Wright.

"To wife all my lands & living during her natural life and then to be divided.

"Appoint wife holy and soly executor."

his
Jacob x Wright.
mark

Witnesses John Roberson
Bartholomew Taylor Isaac Kinney.

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The will from which the above extracts were taken was probated July 10, 1797.

From the will of Jacob Wright it appears that he had seven children, instead of six, as some of the present generation has supposed. The will also indicates that the three daughters were, or had been, married, or one married twice before his death, as follows:

Nelly married a Mr. Cooper, and to them born at least one child, Betty.

Bettie married a Mr. Windser, and to them born at least one child, Pegy.

Sary appears to have married a Mr. Taylor, as there was a grand-daughter named Nelly Taylor, also mentioned in the will.

No further record is at hand of either of the three daughters or their husbands, and it is possible that they may have had more children than those mentioned above. And also it is possible that many of the Coopers, Windsors and Taylors that are in what is now Wicomico County, descended from the daughters of Jacob Wright.

There is no information at hand of Isaac Wright, son of Jacob.

Joseph Wright, son of Jacob, married Nancy McDaniel, Thursday, November 29, 1792. To this union were born at least four children:

Joshua Wright, son of Joseph, born Saturday, December 7, 1793; went West and thence to New Orleans, La.

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James Wright, son of Joseph, born Saturday, July 29, 1797. No further record.

Isaac Wright, son of Joseph, born Monday, October 14, 1799; went West to Troy, Ind.

Betty Wright, daughter of Joseph, born Friday, February 25, 1803. No further record.

Benjamin Wright, son of Jacob, had four sons: John, Willing, Joseph and Levin Wilson. No record of John or Willing Wright.

Dr. Josephus A. Wright, a well-known physician of Sharptown, Md., the son of Levin Wilson, who was the son of Benjamin, the son of Jacob. Dr. Wright is the only physician bearing the name Wright, of all the descendants of Jacob.

Joseph Wright, late of Sunny Side, on Secretary Creek, Dorchester County, Md., was the son of Benjamin, and born Thursday, July 7, 1808; died Thursday, March 10, 1898. Married, Wednesday, December 12, 1838, Sarah P. H. Harris, born Friday, May 19, 1820; died Thursday, December 10, 1896. To this union were born nine children: Rigby Turpin, Julia A., Thomas Hicks, Henry Clay, Virginia Webster, Katherine Harris, Joseph Oscar, Sallie Alberta and Benjamin Washington.

Joshua Wright, son of Jacob, was born Thursday, October 13, 1757; died Friday, May 3, 1811; married, Thursday, February 22, 1781, Sallie Turpin, daughter of William and Constance Turpin, born Tuesday, January 13, 1755; died Thursday, July 1,

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1830. To this union were born: Turpin, Jacob, Charles, and four daughters. No record of any of Joshua's children, except Turpin Wright, who was married Thursday, April 1, 1830, to Mary Holland Harris, of Delaware, daughter of Major Benton Harris, of the War of 1812-14. To this union were born, as follows:

Louise Turpin Wright, married Dr. N. L. Dashiell, Sr., of Baltimore City. Dr. N. L. Dashiell, Jr., a well-known physician of the same city, is a son of Louise T. Dashiell and husband.

Sallie A. Harris Wright, unmarried.

Charles Edward Wright, unmarried (deceased).

Katherine Ellen Wright, unmarried.

Wrights other than Edward that possessed land by survey and Patent in Somerset County, either previous to or about the same time as did Edward Wright are as follows:

Bloyces Hope, 150 acres, surveyed Nov. 1, 1666, for Thomas Bloyce on the East side the back creek of Little Monny, possessed by Bloyce Wright. 1 L, 3 s.

Mounthope, surveyed Dec. 2, 1672, for William Wright in Nanticoke River, 75 acres possesd William Bennet 75 acres by Thomas Larramore 150 acres. 6s.

Wrights Choice 50 acres surveyed July 19, 1679, for Thomas Bloyce and assigned William Wright by Warasquakin near the mouth of Wieeocomico possessed by William Wright's Relict. 2s.

Penny Wise 50 acres surveyed July 24, 1679, for Thomas Bloyce on the South side little Money Creek

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in possession of Bloyce Wright heirs of Thomas. 2s. pr. yr.

Eason 50 acres surveyed July 20, 1679, for Thomas Bloyce and assigned William Wright possessed by the Widdow and relict of William Wright. 2s.

Venture 50 acres surveyed July 20, 1679, for Thomas Bloyce and assigned William Wright, on the south side Wieeocomico river, near rivers mouth possessed by the widdow and relict of Wm. Wright. 2s.

Double Purchase resurveyed Nov. 19, 1679, on the North side Nanticoke a neck of land called Arrococo 2800 acres part of double purchase 5,800 (divided into fourteen parts) 75 acres and 45 acres for Abell Wright.

Penny Wise 45 acres June 5, 1688, for William Wright lying on the South side Little Money possesed by the heirs of Bloyce Wright. 1s. 9½p.

Wrights Venture 105 acres surveyed June 5, 1688, for William Wright on the South side of Wieeocomico possessed by the Widow of William Wright. 4s. 2½p.

Wolf Quarter 100 acres surveyed June 5, 1688, for William Wright on North side Wieeocomico possessed by the Widdow of William Rite. 4s.

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CHAPTER IX.

From the Records of Somerset County, Md.

John Wright made a will, November 14, 1709, the same being probated March 8, 1710. Extracts from this will are as follows:

To Francis Williams, one cow called Primrose;

To Robert Knof, one heifer;

To Robert Stitt, new hat, & new coursey coat;

To Martha Boasbie, black vest, 1 Pott, 1 Trunk, 1 chest, 1 sow, 1 Iron Kettle, 1 Frying Pan.

To Mary Warwick, Feather bed & Rugg;

To John King, brown crop eared Horse.

Thomas Wright made a will Feb. 8, 1753, same being probated Feb. 27, 1753. He willed as follows:

To his wife Rebscha Wright, his now dwelling plantation, with all his personal estate during her widowed life. Other beneficiaries mentioned are his sons, Henry, Godwin and Thomas Wright, and

To daughter Alice Lacount, one shilling sterling;

To grandchildren Anna Polk and Robert Polk, one shilling sterling;

To daughter Sarah Windsor, one shilling sterling;

To daughter Mary White, one negro gal called Hannah;

To daughter Hannis Ballard, one negro Boy called Jeffrey.

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Betty Write made a will, Feb. 16, 1754, which was probated March 5, 1754.

Bequeath to her sister Esther Righte, all her thirds of deceased husband's estate, and the remainder to be divided equally between the testator's two sons Zebulon and Steven Righte.

Isaac Parramore is one of the witnesses to the will.

Zebulon Wright made a will, Jan. 24, 1770, same being probated Feb. 27, 1770.

His wife, Suffiah Wright, is mentioned as Executor. His brother Stephen is to have no right or title to anything while the testator's wife and child Betty lives.

Solomon Wright made a will, Feb. 12, 1772, which was probated March 5, 1772. A portion of the will reads as follows:

To grandson William Wright, my plantation where I now liveth with lands thereto. All my other estate to be equally divided among my 6 children: Jacob Wright, Leven Wright, Sarah Phillips, Patience Jackson, Pricilla Robertson and Charity Twiford.

Levin Wright made a will, Jan. 5, 1775, probated June 29, 1775.

He bequeaths to his daughter Esther Wright 50 acres of land called "Bettys Range," where William Wright liveth;

To son William Wright 50 acres, to be laid off from the land left him by his grandfather Solomon Wright called "Wright's Delight," and one negro boy called Stephen.

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To daughter Mary Wright 50 acres land;

To wife Elizabeth, negro woman called Hanner (and other property).

Daughters Mary, Margaret and Esther receive other property.

Elizabeth Wright made Will, Aug. 28, 1793; probated Nov. 24, 1794. Some extracts read:

To 2 grandchildren Betsey Tulley and Levin Tulley, one negro boy Moses;

To daughter Mary Graham, negro garl Hanner;

To son William Wright, negro garl Eve;

To daughter Ann Graham, negro boy called Arn;

To daughter Margaret Tomson, garl Dianer, negro woman to be equally divided between four of her children: Mary Graham, William Wright, Ann Graham, and Margaret Tomson.

Other bequests are made to the above mentioned heirs.

One of the witnesses to this will is Benjamin Wright.

Abill, son of Christopher Wright, was born of Isabell, his wife, sict day Mar., 1674.

Isabell Wright, wife of Christopher Wright, was born at Monokin.

Katherine Wright, wife of Edward Wright, daughter of Nehemiah Covington, died and was buried 7th Day of August at the Plantation of Nehemiah Covington, One Thousand six Hundred and Eighty one.

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Possibly nothing in this book will attract more attention, or cause more surprise, than the next two paragraphs, which give an account of what appears to have been marks upon slaves and by which they were identified. Many of the present generation and age, no doubt, are loath to believe that such barbarous method was resorted to; nevertheless it appears to have been legal and met with official approval, as it is of record, as follows:

Alos Wright, the daughter of William Wright, viz: the left ear cropt, with four finger & the third taken away entirely, second day June 1686.

Judith Wright her mark the right ear cropt with four finger and third taken away entirely. Second day June, 1686.

Blois Wright had a mark recorded in 1686, and others had registered marks also.

William Wright and Francis Bloys were married by Mr. John Windsor, one of his Lordships Justices, twenty-seventh day of December, Ano. Dom. One Thousand Six Hundred and Sixty-nine.

Elizabeth Wright, daughter of William Wright and Frances, born 12 May, 1672.

Temperance Wright, daughter of William Wright, was born to his wife 1674 August.

Judith Wright, daughter of William Wright, was born to his wife 12th July (year not given).

Blord Wright, son of William Wright, born to his wife 5th day Mar., 1681.

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Frances Wright, daughter of William and Frances Wright, born 21st Feb., 1683.

William Wright, son of William Wright, born to his wife Frances 1st day May, 1687.

Christopher Wright and Isabell Gradnell were married by Mr. Robert Madcy Clarke, on the first day of June, Ano. Dom., One Thousand six Hundred & Seventy Three.

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CHAPTER X.

WRIGHTS THAT WERE HEADS OF FAMILIES WHEN THE FIRST U. S. CENSUS WAS TAKEN, 1790.

CAROLINE COUNTY, MD.

NAME OF HEAD OF FAMILY :	Free white males 16 years and upward including heads of families	Free white males under 16 years	Free white females including heads of families	All other free persons	Slaves
Calib Wright	1	1	2	..	..
Daniel Wright	1	1	3	..	..
Edward Wright, Gent.....	2	..	2	..	7
Edwd. Wright of R.....	1	2	6	..	..
Jacob Wright	1	..	1	..	..
James Wright	2	2	3	..	..
Jas. Wright of R.....	1	4	1	..	..
James Wright of Levin....	2	2	2	1	..
John Wright	1	1	1	..	..
John Wright	1	2	1	..	..
John Wright	2	2	3	..	..
Johnathan Wright	1	2	2	..	..
Lemuel Wright	2	1	3	..	..
Levin Wright of R.....	1	1	1	..	..
Mary Wright	1	2	1	..	..
Roger Wright	3	..	2	..	..

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DORCHESTER COUNTY, MD.

Cannoly Wright	1	1	2	..	1
Constant Wright	1	2	3	..	..
Elisha Wright	1	1	3	..	1
Isaac Wright	2	2	3	..	4
Jacob Wright	1	1	3	..	9
Jacob Wright	1	2	4	..	5
James Wright	1	3	3	..	..
James Wright	2	2	7	..	7
Lovey Wright	..	1	3	..	..
Samuel Wright	1	4	1	..	3
(Illegible) Wright	..	..	4	..	..

SOMERSET COUNTY, MD.

The records containing the names of heads of families in Somerset County were destroyed when the British burned the Capitol at Washington, during the War of 1812.

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CHAPTER XI.

WRIGHTS IN THE MILITARY DURING THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR.

DORCHESTER COUNTY.

*Capt. Nathan Wright commanded a company in the 4th Reg., Col. Rawlings.

Capt. Jacob Wright, commissioned May 20, 1778, commanded a company of 47 privates in the Upper or 3rd Battalion of Dorchester Militia.

Capt. James Wright, commissioned December 16, 1779, commanded a company of 55 privates in the Upper or 3rd Battalion of Dorchester Militia.

Capt. Joseph Wright, Jr., commissioned and commanded a company of Dorchester Militia.

Capt. Edward Wright commissioned and commanded a company of Dorchester Militia.

James Wright, commissioned 1st Lieut., 1776, in the Castle Haven company of Dorchester Militia.

Isaac Wright, commissioned Lieut. in a company of Dorchester Militia.

Edward Wright was an Ensign, April 1, 1777, then a 2nd Lieut., June 17, 1778, in 7th Reg.

Nathan Wright, Sergt 6th Independent Company

*Inserted upon information from a reliable source, and not from the muster roll, a portion being lost.

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of Dorchester County, Feb. 20, 1776, and Lieut., Jan. 1, 1781, in the 3rd Md. Reg., and served to close of war.

*Noble Wright, private in a company commanded by Capt. Nathan Wright, of the 4th Reg.

John Wright, private, enlisted Dec. 24, 1776, in 2d Reg.; discharged Dec. 24, 1779.

Samuel Wright, private, enlisted May 20, 1778, in 2d Reg.; discharged Dec. 24, 1779.

Jesse Wright, private, enlisted in 2nd Reg., Aug. 1, 1777 (was sick in camp James Island); served to Nov., 1780.

William Wright, private, enlisted May 20, 1778, in 2d Reg.; discharged Dec. 24, 1778.

Constantine Wright, enlisted July 25, 1780, being one of twenty that was Dorchester County's quota of the Regiment Extraordinary to be raised by the State of Maryland.

Somerset County.

Not many of the Wrights in Somerset County appear to have borne arms during the Revolution. The records show that one Gavin Wright from that county served as an Ensign of Infantry.

Caroline County.

The Wrights of Caroline were none the less loyal to the American cause, but as nearly all of them were adherents to the Quaker faith, were therefore non-combatants and did not take up arms. They are said

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to have contributed liberally to the families of those that were in the ranks. Some of those in the Dorchester Militia were reared in the Quaker faith: Nathan and Noble Wright were, and there may have been others.

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CHAPTER XII.

From the Records of Caroline County, Md.

On March 17, 1778, Joshua Wright took the oath of Fidelity in open Court in Caroline County; also did Nathaniel Wright, July 24, 1778.

In 1778 the Wrights among the taxables in Caroline County were Levin, Lemuel, James, Edward, Levin (of Roger), James (of Roger), Jacob, Edward, Jr., and Joshua. All were in Great Choptank Hundred, in lower part of the county.

Caroline County Tax List in 1798 contained the following Wrights, and number of acres of land:

John (of Wm.)	182½
Caleb	67
Peter	260
Lemuel's heirs	272
Jacob	160
James	284
Daniel	204
Edward (of Roger)	116½
Jesse	429
Hatfield	185½
Levin (of Roger)	125
Levin	154
James (of Roger)	281¼

All in the lower district and none in the middle or upper districts. Thus it indicates that there were only three districts in Caroline at this time.

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CHAPTER XIII.

Miscellaneous, Dorchester County, Md.

George Wright, of Dorchester County, made a will, and he appears to have had no children living at that time, and nothing is known of his ancestors. The following are extracts from his will:

Item, I give and Bequeath to Sarah Carwin One Chist and what is in it to her self her heirs Exexutors Administrators or Assigns forever.

Item, I give and bequeath to Mathew Arle Nine Barrells of Indian Corn to him self his Heirs, Executors and Administrators or Assigns forever.

Item, I give and bequeath to Mathew Arle my Part of Tobacco being the fourth which was made at Mrs. Sarah Kennerley's in the year preceded, to himself his Heirs, Executors, Administrators or Assigns forever.

Item, Lastly, I constitute and appoint Mathew Arle my Executor of all my goods and chattels, as witness my hand 25th day of February, anno Dom. 1760.

George Wright (Seal)

Signed, sealed and Delivered in the Presence of

Test: Wm. Jones

Jean Shanks

The above was filed for probate in Dorchester County, May 6, 1760.

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Wm. Wright, Feb. 19, 1755, obtained a grant for Wright's Folly, 7 acres (rent 3½) lying at a marked white oak standing on the East side of the North West Fork of the Nanticoke River.

Wm. Wright, Sept. 27, 1757, obtained a grant for Wright's Regulation, 100 acres (rent 4), originally called Wright's Folly, 93 acres being added to Wright's Folly, south side of Savannah or green Savannah.

Wright's Discovery, 50 acres, surveyed for James Wright, son of Roger, April 23, 1757, lying in Dorchester County, Md., beginning at a marked white oak standing about 30 perches to the eastward of Cooley's branch and near the head of said branch.

Some of the Commissioners of Justice in and for Dorchester County:

1805—Jacob Wright, Sr., Jacob Wright, Jr.

1808—Jacob Wright, Jr.

1815—William Wright, Jacob Wright.

When Dorchester County was divided into Election Districts, about the year 1799, a dividing line between two districts ran up to the head of Church Creek to the house formerly occupied by Capt. Nathan Wright.

There is a family of Wrights, a portion of which at least lived in Dorchester and Caroline counties. The writer has made no effort to show that they were related to any other branch of the families of that name living in that portion of the Eastern Shore of Maryland. Few, if any, of the family referred to

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above, especially retaining the name of Wright, are now living in either of the above mentioned counties.

There were three brothers: Charles, Clement and Jesse. No further record of Clement and Jesse. Charles had eight children, as follows: Roberson, Ridgeway, Charles, Solomon, Jesse; Moriah (married Uriah Medford); Jane (married James Parrott), and Peggy Wright, the latter dying young.

Roberson, the son of Charles, and grandson of the elder Charles, had six sons: William, Winfield, George Roberson, Jesse Willford Willis, Bradford H., Edwin W. Wright, and one daughter that married a Dr. Wentz, of Baltimore, Md., where possibly more of the present generations reside.

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PART TWO

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NOTE.

Part Two gives a biographical account of Edward, Joshua, Constantine and Jesse Wright.

This part also contains the record of all the births, marriages and deaths of the family of Jesse Wright, his children and grandchildren, beginning with his birth on January 6, 1795, and ending January 1, 1907, with few exceptions since January 1, 1904, and these being noted where the record is not given.

A similar record is also given of those connected with these families by marriage.

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CHAPTER I.

EDWARD WRIGHT.

Edward Wright, the subject of this sketch, was of English birth or descent, but the writer has not been able to ascertain positively his father's Christian name.

It has been suggested that he was the son of William Wright, who, with his brother James, as was stated in the first part of this book, emigrated from England and settled previous to 1700 at or near Norris's Ford, Dorchester County, now Federalsburg, Caroline County. The suggestion has some circumstantial backing, as it is known that one of the several children of William was named Edward, who, when a young man, "went West." Considering the locality from which he left, if stopping east of the Alleghany or Blue Ridge Mountains, or even keeping within the west or northwest boundaries of the Province of Maryland, would have been considered in those days as going West.

He may have been located temporarily in Baltimore County; if so, would strengthen the belief that he was the son of William, for the Edward to which this chapter refers, acquired land in Baltimore County, mentioning the fact in his will, which also

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states he had lands in Dorchester. In the latter county the will was probated, indicating that it was his last place of residence. If credence is given the tradition that William and James had two brothers that located in Baltimore County, it would also strengthen the belief that Edward was William's son. and went from where his father lived to the west or northwest part of the Province, and afterwards returned to his native county.

Attention has been called to the possibility of his being a son of Edward Wright, of Barren Creek, Somerset County, but it is not known definitely that that Edward had more than one child, Jacob, though he may have had many more.

Notwithstanding the thinly settled condition of the country, there were then three Edward Wrights living within thirty miles of each other. No claim has been made that the Edward, of near Oak Grove, Del., was related to the other Wrights who had settled on the east side of the Province of Maryland, yet the reader will readily see the strong similarity in the Christian names of many of their children, suggesting some relationship between the families.

At the time the Wrights began to settle on the Eastern Shore, there were many distinguished Wrights in their mother country, England, the name appearing frequently on the Armorial records, an Edward among them; hence, no doubt, the frequency of that name appearing in the generation following him.

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A petition from Edward Wright, of Dorchester County, was read in the Assembly of Maryland on July 3, 1714.

The records of Dorchester County were partially, and some wholly, destroyed by fire some fifty-five years ago, and for this reason alone makes it somewhat difficult to obtain as complete a record as could be if all were preserved and intact. It is, however, learned from the Maryland Land Office the following:

"White Capel," Dec. 10, 1714. Patented 64 acres of land for Edward Wright in Dorchester County, Beginning at a marked red oak standing in the woods on the West side of the main branch of Chicakacone Creek, and main road that leads to the lowermost landing place over the North-west branch of Nanticoke River.

The yearly rent to be paid for this land was 2 shillings 7 pence.

If Edward Wright and Martha, his wife, together with their children, at any time during his life, occupied "White Chapel" as their home, it is safe to say that a greater portion of their neighbors were Indians. The "Indian Lands" comprised about four thousand acres and lay between the road mentioned as one of the boundaries of "White Chapel" and the Nanticoke River. Upon this land Panquash and Amatoughquan, two local chiefs of the once powerful Nanticoke Tribe, had their wigwams, and were surrounded by many loyal tribesmen. By an Act of

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1698 the Nanticoke Indians were given free and uninterrupted possession of these lands, provided they did not totally desert or quit claim the same. In 1723 the Act of 1698 was confirmed. In 1768 the Indians desired to dispose of the Indian lands, depart and join the Six Nations, which they did with few exceptions. Here it may be observed that they remained as a tribe more than twenty years after the death of Edward, which occurred 1747, as the following will shows, which is a true copy of same:

"In the Name of God, Amen. I, Edward Wright, of Dorchester County, in the Province of Maryland, being sick and weak in Body but of Perfect mind and memory, thanks be to God therefor, and calling unto mind that it is appointed for all men to die, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following, Vizt., first I give and Bequeath unto my well beloved Son, Joshua Wright, a Tract of Land called Chapman's Fellowship lying and being in Baltimore County and to his heirs or assigns, secondly I give and bequeath unto my well beloved wife Martha all my lands lying and being in Dorchester County during her Life and after her Decease I give and bequeath the said Land unto my Five Sons, Vizt. William, Edward, Levin, Jacob, Lemuel to them and their heirs of their Body Lawfully begotten, Thirdly I give unto my three Daughters after their Mothers decease, one Negro woman named Hannah & her increase to be equally divided

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between them and their heirs or assigns. Fourthly and lastly, I give unto my well beloved Wife Martha all my mooveable Personal Estate to be her Disposal only. My will and pleasure that my Negro Boy Peter may be sold to discharge my debts and also I do Constitute and ordain and appoint my well beloved wife Martha to be my whole and sole Executor and administrator of this my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereto set my hand and seal this thirty-first day of March, Anno Dom. &c, 1747.

Signed, sealed & delivered in Presence of
his
Edward x Wright (seal)
mark
William Cowsey
William Wright
John Finch

On the back of the foregoing will was written, viz:

On the 12th of August William Cousey & John Finch two of the subscribing Witnesses to the within will being duly & solmnly sworn on the holy Evangels of almighty God deposes and say that they saw the Testator Edward Wright sign and seal the within will and heard him Published & declare the same to be his last will and Testament that at the time of his so doeing he was at the best of their Judgement & apprehension of sound & disposing mind and memory and that they together with Wm. Wright the other wit-

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ness Subscribed their respective names and witness to the said will in the Presence of the Testator.

Sworn to Before me

Enn.s Hooper D Comry for D. County

It is supposed that Captain Jacob Wright, who commanded a company in the upper battalion of Dorchester Militia, was a son of Edward Wright. Also, many officers named Wright holding commissions in the Dorchester County Militia during the Revolutionary War, and many in the ranks also, were descendants of Edward. What was known as the Upper Battalion was recruited from the North West Fork section, where many of Edward Wright's descendants resided for generations after his own.

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CHAPTER II.

JOSHUA WRIGHT.

Joshua Wright, a short sketch of whom is here given, may be the same Joshua mentioned in the will of Edward Wright, an account of which is on the preceding pages, a portion of which states: "I give and Bequeath unto my well beloved son Joshua Wright a tract of land called 'Chapmans Fellowship,' lying and being in Baltimore County, and to his heirs and assigns."

A most careful search of all available public records fails to show that there was any other Joshua Wright on the Eastern Shore, or even in Maryland, at that time, nor until October 13, 1757, when a son was born to one Jacob and Elizabeth (Bailey) Wright, and named Joshua.

In 1790 a Joshua Wright resided in Back River Hundred, Baltimore County. His household consisted of two free white males of 16 years and upward, including head of family; four free white males under 16 years; one free white female, including head of family, and one slave.

The subject of this sketch is said to have been English by birth, or descent. If he ever resided in Baltimore County, it is evident his abode there was of

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short duration, for we fail to find anything in the records of that county pertaining in any way to him. Records disclose the fact, however, that Joshua Wright in 1755 obtained a Patent for 45 acres of land called "Sandwitch," lying on the west side of the Northwest Fork River, in Dorchester County, Maryland.

In 1763 he obtained a Patent for 478 acres called "Fortune in Providence," being a re-survey of a tract called "Hacketts Adventure" on the south side of Puckham branch, an on the east side of the Northwest Fork of the Nanticoke River. He afterwards resurveyed said tract for 799 acres, still calling it "Fortune in Providence."

On November 25, 1773, he patented a tract of land containing 1219 acres, called "Conclusion," which was a re-survey of "Fortune in Providence" and "Sandwitch," thereby combining all his previous grants into one Patent.

The land records of Dorchester County, Md., show that he disposed of land as follows:

On November the 6, 1770, Joshua Wright deeded to Peter Sears all that part of a tract of land called "Conclusion" containing 100 acres.

On March the 10, 1779, Joshua and Esther Wright deeded to Cornelious Wright all that part of a parcel of land called "Conclusion," containing 100 acres.

On May the 20, 1783, Joshua and Esther Wright deeded to John Smoot part of a tract of land called

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"Conclusion," containing 267 acres, and also another part of the same land containing 63 acres.

On May 23, 1783, Joshua and Esther Wright deeded to Ebenezer Hill part of a tract of land called "Conclusion," containing 587½ acres, this being referred to as "all the land I have not before sold known by the names above expressed or by any other names."

Here it appears that he patented over 100 acres of land more than he disposed of. It is possible he conveyed that amount and the deeds never became a matter of record. It has also been suggested that as he had patented land on both sides of the River, it and the marsh land may have been included in his grants, and when he conveyed, did not include the river and marsh land thereon, hence the discrepancy.

Shortly after the beginning of the Revolutionary War, mariners from the Atlantic Coast and Bays tributary thereto, arriving at the head waters of the Nanticoke River, told of seeing several unprotected British craft, some under way and others in the harbors. Some were supposed to have on board supplies, and it was thought that at least one or more may have money for the sailors and soldiers that were in the Crown's pay

We have as yet failed to find any complete record to show the fact, but upon the information received from a substantial traditional source through one of Joshua's grand-sons, we are willing to accept as practically true that Joshua Wright and some others

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decided to become privateersmen in a small way, we know not by what official authority, if any. The account says they were determined to prey upon the common enemy, and at once began to fit out, arm, and man a vessel, known to have no equal as a sailor. He was chosen one of the officers of this venturesome expedition. From this it may be inferred that he was a man of courage, and had some knowledge of sailing vessels, or the use of fire arms.

When everything was ready, "in ship-shape and bristle fashion," they sailed down the Nanticoke with a crew of men that would stand by their officers to the last in any emergency. It was not known generally the real intent of this expedition. Their prizes were not large enough, and their engagements not sufficient in importance to give them historical mention, but they appear to have been successful in capturing a few small British craft, remove as much of the cargoes as they desired and release their officers and crews. They engaged to some extent in assisting stranded vessels, sometimes purchasing their cargoes at extremely low figures, which they would dispose at the most safe and convenient market. They were handsomely compensated for running several cargoes of freight for the Americans. The fleetness of their craft, equipped with a large and well armed crew, did much to insure the safety of any cargo that was entrusted on board. Combining the various pursuits of this expedition made it successful beyond their most sanguine expectations. Many were loath to

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give up, abandon, and disband the organization. Notwithstanding Joshua's advanced years he was one to favor a continuation of these cruises and confine them to the high seas altogether. Their craft, regardless of her mission, was frequently looked upon with suspicion, and more than once chased by some larger vessel flying the English flag, but owing to their superior knowledge of the waters, and the good sailing qualities of the "Nanticoker," they always escaped capture.

The war had not progressed long before the bays and sounds contained vessels of a character that made a further plying of either branch of their business dangerous and less profitable; therefore the expedition disbanded, and it is uncertain whether or not the vessel was immediately, or ever, brought back to the head waters of the Nanticoke River.

The expedition, as has been already stated, was a financial success, and also evidenced by the amount of money both officers and men possessed when they returned, but it was not long before it became known by what method they had acquired the most of it.

The officers appeared especially well provided with cash derived from their prizes or other transactions; all apparently had well filled purses.

At this period, and a few years previous, Joshua Wright is said to have been a widower, and the fact is borne out by a deed given by him alone in 1770, conveying 100 acres of land to one Peter Sears.

The news of his successful venture, a well filled

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purse, the possessor of many acres in a plantation, and besides being a widower, was the means no doubt of his social bounds being extended far beyond where they had been in the past. Scarcely a social affair was held in that section of the peninsula without his name being near the head of the list of those to be invited, and he seldom failed to be one of the prominent ones present.

It was at one of these social occasions that he met a woman, handsome in face and form, and correspondingly attractive, but much younger than himself. The difference in their ages was, however, no bar to matrimony. His relatives and friends did not approve of the marriage, especially after only a few weeks' courtship as in their case. Many old acquaintances of his that called on the bride and groom once, did not make a second visit, and so far as the new Mrs. Wright was concerned, there was "no love lost," for she made friends with but few of his, and a confidant of none.

Joshua soon felt the loss of his old associates and friends, with whom he had been a favorite. His wife, having much influence over their domestic affairs, lost no time in advising him to dispose of his lands, and he appears to have lost but little time in complying with her request, as the records show that on May 20, 1783, they deeded to Ebenezer Hill, and on the same date to John Smoot the remaining portions of his plantation called "Conclusion."

They were not long after these conveyances in

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collecting his money, valuables, &c., and he reluctantly yielding to her entreaties, they together moved from the neighborhood of his former days, to a home, or rather a place with more congenial surroundings for his wife if not for him, but to remain only a few years at most.

It was not long before his relatives were informed by a messenger that Joshua Wright was dead. They hastened to his late home and were surprised to learn that he had died without the attention of a physician, or the comforting presence of a relative or friend, except his wife, and, possibly, a servant.

His son, Constantine, was successful in his desire to have the remains interred on the east banks of the North West Fork River, where they are supposed to rest in the family burying ground at "Tryall." His widow soon took leave of their late home and comparatively little, or nothing, was known or heard of her by Joshua's relatives or friends thereafter, but many of them made no secret in their statements to the effect that Esther's matrimonial venture was a success financially, and that was about all she desired it to be from the beginning. Furthermore, it was the undoing and downfall of Joshua Wright, making his last days on earth the saddest of them all. To his friends and relatives alike, his death, or the circumstances surrounding the same, appear mysterious. All of those versed in the traditions of the family and locality agree that Joshua's last marriage was not as happy as he no doubt would like to

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have had it, but some though that the one named Esther was a faithful and loving wife, and that it was after her death he met and married the one that saddened the declining days of his life. Joshua was known to have had one son, Constantine, and may have had more children. As previously stated, he conveyed land to one Cornelious Wright, who, no doubt, was a relative, and possibly a son. The name Cornelious has been honored by more than one generation of the family since. A descendant by that name resides in Federalsburg, Md.

There is hereafter given a copy of the first Patent for land obtained by Joshua Wright, and also a copy of the last Patent for land obtained by him.

(Land records, Liber B. C. & G. S. No. 2, Pg. 313)

Joshua Wright "Sandwitch" 45A } Frederick & C. know yea that for and in Consideration of

Maryland hath due unto him forty-five acres of Land within Our said Province by Virtue of a Warrant for that Quantity Granted him the Twelfth day of September Seventeen hundred and fifty four as appears in Our Land Office and upon such conditions and terms as are expresed in Our Condition of plantation of our said province, bearing date the fifth day of April, Sixteen hundred and eighty four, and remaining upon Record in Our said province, together with such alteration as in them are made by our further Conditions bearing date the fourth of Decembr, Sixteen hundred

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and Ninety Six, together also with the Alteration made by Our Instructions, bearing date at London the twelfth day of September, Sixteen hundred and twelve, and Registered in Our Secretary's Office of Our said Province, together with a Paragraph of our Instructions bearing date London, the fifteenth day of December, Seventeen hundred and thirty eight, and Registered in Our Land Office, We do therefore hereby Grant unto him the said Joshua Wright all that Tract or Parcel of Land Called Sandwitch lying and being in the County aforesaid Beginning at a marked Black Walnut standing on the west side of the North West fork of Nanticoke River, then runs N. 35 Degrees, E. 28 Perches, then N. 70 Degs., W. 96 Per., then S. 45 Degs., E. 84 Per., then S. 75 Degs., E. 40 Per., then S. 25 Deg. W. 20 Per., then S. 65 Deg., E. 20 Per., then N. 40 Deg., E. 20 Per., then S. 35 Deg., E. 80 Per., then N. 45 Deg., E. 75 Per., then by a straight Line to the Beginning, Containing forty-five Acres of Land more or less according to the Certificate of Survey thereof taken and returned into Our Land Office, bearing date the twentieth day of January, Seventeen hundred and fifty-five, and there remaining, together with all Rights, Profits, Benefits and Privileges thereunto belonging, Royal mines excepted, To have and to hold the same unto his the said Joshua Wright, his heirs and assigns forever, to be holden of Us and Our Heirs as of Our Manor of Nanticoke in fee and Common, Soccage by the fealty only for all manner of services yielding and paying

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therefor yearly unto Us and Our Heirs at Our Receipt at Our City Saint Marys at the two-most usual feasts in the year (Vizt.) feast of the Annunciation and the Blessed Virgin Mary and Saint Michael the Arch Angel, by even and equal portions the rent of One Shilling and ten pence Sterling in Silver or Gold, and for a fine upon every Alienation of the said Land or any part or parcel thereof one whole year's Rent in Silver or Gold, or the full value thereof in such commodities as We and Our Heirs or such Officer as shall be appointed by Us and Our Heirs from time to time to Collect and Receive the same, shall accept in discharge thereof at the choice of Us and Our Heirs, or such Officer or Officers aforesaid; Provided that if the said sum for a fine for Alienation shall not be paid unto Us and Our Heirs, or such Officer or Officers afd. before such Alienation, and the said Alienation entered upon Record either in the Province Court or County Court where the same Parcel of Land lieth within One Month next after such Alienation, then the said Alienation shall be void and of no effect. Given under Our Great Seal of our said Province of Maryland, this twentieth day of January, Anno Domino Seventeen hundred and fifty-five. Witness Our trusty and wellbeloved Horatio Sharpe, Esq., Lieutenant General and Chief Governor of Our

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said Province of Maryland, Chancellor and Keeper of the Great Seal thereof.

Haro. { The Great Seal } Sharpe

(Land records, Liber B. C. & G. S. No. 46, Pg. 255)

Joshua Wright his Patent 1,219 acres Conclusion } The Right Honorable Henry Harford, Esquire, Eta. Know ye that Whereas

Joshua Wright of Dorchester County, by his petition did set forth That he was Seized in fee of and with following Tracts of Land in the County aforesaid, and contiguous to each other Viz.; "Fortune in Providence" originally on twenty-fifth day of March, 1745, granted unto the petitioner for 799 acres under new Rent and Sandwitch originally on the twentieth day of January, 1759, granted the petitioner for 45 A. under new Rent contiguous to which Rents the petitioner had discharged some vacant land, and being desirous to add the same humbly Prayed a special Warrant to survey the aforesaid Tracts for that Intent and Purpose, and that another of a Certificate of such resurvey, he making good Right to the Vacancy added & Complying with all other requirements usual in such Cases, might have our grant of Confirmation issued unto him therefore, which was granted him, And do Accordingly Awarrantor the

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twenty-fifth day of September, 1767, unto him for that purpose, did issue, which Warrant was afterward, on the Fourteenth day of September, 1768, renewed and Continued in force for six months Longer. In pursuance whereof tis certified unto our Land Office that the aforesaid Tract of Land are resurveyed by which it appears that they clear of elder surveys containing more that the Quantity of 800 acres, and 27 acres so there appears to be a Deficiency of 17 acres, and that there is the Quantity of three hundred and 92 acres of vacant Land added, 17 acres of which is applied to make good the Deficiency aforesaid, and for the remaining part he has paid and satisfied unto our Agents, the sum of Eighteen pounds Fifteen shillings Sterling Caution as also the Sum of Five shillings sterling for some Improvements mentioned to be made thereon according to Charles Lord Baron of Baltimore his Instructions to Charles Carroll his then Agent, bearing Date at London the 12 day of September, 1712 and registered in our Secretarys Office of our said Province, together with a Paragraph of our Instructions bearing date at London the Fifteenth day of December 1738, and registered in our Land office. We do therefore hereby Grant and Conform unto him the said Joshua Wright the aforesaid Tracts or parcels of Land now resurveyed with the Vacancy added reduced into One entire Tract and called "Conclusion" lying in the County aforesaid. Beginning for the outer Bounds of the whole tract at a marked Red Oak and a stone standing in the planta-

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tion where Daniel Hill now lives at or near the end of the 11th course of the Original Fortune in Providence, it being the Beginning of Daniel Hill's Land, then Runs North twenty-four degrees East one hundred and thirteen Perches, then East twenty-six Perches, then South two hundred Perches, then West one hundred and twenty-four Perches, then North twenty-one Perches, then South seventy-three Degrees, thirty-seven minutes and a half, West three hundred and thirty-one Perches, then North forty-two Degrees West eighteen Perches, then North twenty-five Degrees, West twenty-four Perches, then North thirty Degrees East thirteen Perches, then South Six Degrees East twenty-three Perches, then South Forty-eight Degrees, East twenty-two Perches, then East North East twenty Perches, then North seventeen Degrees, West thirty-two Perches, then South eighty-one Degrees, West twelve Perches, then North forty-six Perches, then West Southwest thirty Perches, then North forty-seven Degrees, West fourteen Perches, then North twenty- seven degrees West twenty Perches, then North sixteen Degrees West fifty Perches, then North sixty-five degrees East forty-two Perches, then North twenty-five Degrees West one hundred and four Perches, then North thirty degrees East seven Perches, then South eighty-six degrees East sixty-six Perches, then North seventy-nine Degrees East thirty-three Perches, then North fourteen degrees West thirty-three Perches, then Northeast seventy-four Perches, then East eighty

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Perches, then North fifty-six Perches, then South eighty-five Degrees East twenty-seven Perches, then South seventy-five Degrees East twenty-two Perches to the first Bounder Tree of the original Fortune in Providence, then South twenty Perches, then East by North eighty Perches, then Southeast by South ninety Perches, then South thirty-three Degrees West one hundred and forty Perches, then Southeast twenty Perches, then North fifty-five degrees East one hundred and seventy-seven perches, then North forty-two degrees West one hundred and forty Perches, then North Eighty-eight Degrees West one hundred and seventeen Perches to the aforesaid Bounder of the original "Hackett's Adventure," then North seventy-five Degrees West twenty-two Perches, then North fifty-five Degrees East seventy-three Perches, then South forty-seven Degrees East forty Perches, then North fifty-six Degrees East one hundred Perches, then North thirty-one Degrees West twenty Perches, then North thirty-five Degrees East thirty-eight Perches, then North Northwest twenty Perches, then North thirty-five Degrees East sixteen Perches, then South forty-five Degrees East eighty Perches, then South eighty-four Degrees East twenty-two Perches, then South sixteen Degrees East thirty-six Perches, then South seventy-two Degrees East fifty-one Perches, then South thirteen Degrees East one hundred and forty-two Perches, then South seven Degrees East sixty-four Perches, then East eighty-four Perches, then South twenty-two Perches, then West ninety-

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eight Perches, then North twenty-two Perches, then West twenty-eight Perches, then North twenty-four Degrees East forty-six Perches, then South sixty Degrees West one hundred Perches, then South twenty-five Degrees West forty Perches, then South by West sixty Perches, then Southeast thirty Perches, then with a straight line to the first Beginning, containing 1219 acres of Land more or less, according to Certificate of survey thereof taken and returned into our Land Office bearing Date the First Day of March, 1769, and there remaining together with all Rights, Profits, Benefits and privileges thereunto belonging, Royal mines Excepted. To have and to hold the same unto him the said Joshua Wright his Heirs and assigns for ever to be holden of us and our Heirs as of our Manor of Nanticoke in fee simple and common Soccage by fealty only for all Mannor of Service Yielding and Paying therefore yearly unto us and our Heirs at our Receipt and our City of Saint Marys at the two-most usual feasts in the year Vizt. the feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Saint Michael the Arch Angel by even & Equal portions the Rent of two Pounds eight shillings and nine pence half Penny sterling in Silver or Gold and for a fine upon every Alienation of the said land or any Part or Parcel thereof, one whole year's Rent, in Silver or Gold or the full value thereof in such Commodities as We and our Heirs or such officer or officers as shall be appointed by us and our Heirs from time to time to Collect and Receive the same

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shall accept and Discharge whereof at the Chance of us and our heirs or such officer or officers aforesaid Provide. That the said sum for a fine for Alienation shall not be paid unto us & our Heirs or such officer or officers aforesaid before such Alienation and the said Alienation entered upon Record either in the Province Court or County Court where the same parcel of land Lieth within one Month next after such Alienations, then the said Alienation shall be void and of no effect, and Provided Also and this the true intent & meaning of these Presents that the same is subject & Liable to the following express condition That is to say that the said Joshua Wright, his heirs and assigns shall well and pay or cause to be paid the Rent herein reserved according to the tenor of these presents by the space of Thirty days next after it shall become due & after Demand made thereof by the Farmer or other person who shall be appoitned by us & our Heirs from time to time to Collect & Receive the same. Given under our Great Seal of our said province of Maryland this Twenty-fifth day of November, Anno Domino Seventeen hundred an seventy-three. Witness Robert Eden, Esquire, Governor & Commissioner in Chief in and over our Said Province of Maryland, Chancellor & Keeper of the Great Seal thereof.

Robert { Great Seal } Eden

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"Hackett's Adventure" mentioned in the last Patent obtained by Joshua Wright was a portion of the land included in the second grant given him. This tract, no doubt, derived its name from one Thomas Hackett, as it appears to have been once surveyed for him. The following is taken from the first part of a copy of the second Patent obtained by Joshua Wright, which was in 1763:

(Land Records Liber B. & C., G. & S., No. 18, Folio 307)

"Mr. Joshua Wright
his Patent 478 Acres
Fortune in Providence

Frederick. &c. Know yea that Whereas Joshua Wright, of Dorchester County, by his humble Petition to our Agent for Management of land affairs within the Province did set forth that a certain Thomas Hackett, of County aforesaid had on the twenty-fourth day of February, Seventeen hundred and forty-four granted him special Warrant for resurveying a Tract or Parcel of land called "Hackett's Adventure," in pursuance of which Warrant a resurvey was made, and the Certificate whereof returned into the land office by which it appears there was the quantity of One hundred acres of vacant land added for which the said Thomas Hackett has omitted paying Caution and likewise of sueing out a Grant of Confirmation for the same, and as the two years for so doing has long since expired The petitioner was advised that by Sundry of his Lordships Proclamation Published and according to the tenor

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and express words of the Warrant aforesaid, the Certificate aforesaid is become null and void and the land and premises therein mentioned subject to the benefits of the first discoverer, and in as much as the petitioner was the first Discoverer and desired to take up and pay for the same, humbly prayed a special Warrant to meet and secure as well the Aforesaid quantity of One hundred acres of vacant land and any other vacant land contiguous to the same, and that on return of a Certificate of such Resurvey, he paying Caution money, and complying with all other Requisites usual in such cases might have our Grant issued unto him thereon, which was granted him, and accordingly a Warrant on the twelfth day of December, seventeen hundred and fifty nine, unto him for that purpose did issue.

In Pursuance whereof it is certified unto our said Office that there is surveyed and laid out for and in the name of him the said Joshua Wright, the quantity of four hundred and seventy-eight acres for which he has paid and satisfied Edward Lloyd, Esquire, our patent agent and recorder General for our use the sum of Twenty-three Pounds, Eighteen shillings sterling Caution for the said land, and the sum of Two Pounds fifteen shillings sterling for some Improvements mentioned to be made thereon according to Charles Lord Baron of Baltimore, our great grandfather of Noble Memory, his instructions to Charles Carroll, Esquire, his then Agent, bearing date at London the twelfth day of September, seventeen hun-

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dred and twelve, and registered in our Secretary's Office of our said Province, together with a Paragraph of our dear Father's Instructions, bearing date at London the fifteenth day of December, Seventeen hundred and thirty-eight, and Registered in our land office," * * * * * *

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CHAPTER III.

Constantine Wright.

Constantine Wright, son of Joshua Wright, is supposed to have been born about 1755, or shortly thereafter, in Dorchester County, Maryland, and no doubt spent the greater portion of his boyhood days at "Conclusion," his father's plantation on the east side of the North-West Fork River, except when taking an occasional trip or short voyage on the water. He received a limited education, but had rather a superior intellect. When grown, was little above medium height, rather muscular and athletic in build, noted in the community for his physical strength. When in middle age could lift or carry as much as two younger men would; frequently engaged in outdoor games with his sons and other young men, and was always firm and determined.

On August 8, 1801, he purchased from Joseph and Nathaniel Vickers a tract of land lying on the North-West Fork River called "Tryall," containing 67½ acres.

October 20, 1804, he purchased from Thomas Connelly two tracts or parcels of land lying on the east side of the North-West Fork River; also a part of a tract of land known as "Middle Land," containing 4¾ acres.

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September 20, 1814, he purchased from Philemon and Margaret Paddison all those three tracts of land lying on the east side of the North-West Fork River; one tract called "New Port," another called "Tryall," and the other tract being the same land once laid out for Wm. Paddison not named; the three latter tracts containing 112½ acres.

October 13, 1823, Constantine Wright deeded to Edward Wright a tract of land called "Wright's Regulation," being lot No. 8 in division of said land containing 59¼ acres. It is at present not positively known how this last named land was acquired, whether by purchase or by inheritance.

All of the above mentioned land lay about three and one-half miles below Federalsburg, Dorchester County, Md.

He first married Bethaney Wroten (or Roten) after the beginning of the Revolutionary War. Nearly one year after his mariage he was insisted upon to join the Continental Army. He was loyal to the American cause, but more so to his wife. When prevailed upon a second time to volunteer his refusal was so emphatic that his loyalty was questioned, but his real reasons for desiring to remain at home were personal and domestic. It was not long, and much to his surprise, when a small detail of Continental soldiers came to his home and persistently urged him to enlist. He told them he wanted to remain at home a short while longer and if permitted to do so, would in the near future not only volunteer himself but

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would use his influence to have some of his acquaintances do likewise. The soldiers were of the opinion no doubt that he desired some special inducement to enlist, so one placed a coin on his hat, at the same time saying to him "We think this will induce you to go with us." This was too much for Constantine, who did not take time to question the seriousness of their proposition, but enraged as he never was before pounced upon them, knocking them right and left until they were all prone on the ground, and before they could recover he was running fleetly for the nearest woods and they after him as soon as they had sufficiently recovered to do so. All soon gave up the chase except one, who continued to his sorrow.

Constantine, seeing he was pursued by only one man, stopped and held on to a small limb of a tree. The pursuing and much angered soldier shot at him, but hit the limb instead. He having no fear of one man remained still until the soldier approached and struck Constantine on the head with his pistol, felling him to the ground. He was however soon on his feet again, attacked the officer and a hand to hand encounter followed, for a short while only, for the first direct shot from Constantine's fisticuff battery was too much for his enemy, who fell to the ground as limp and motionless as though dead. He soon recovered his speech sufficiently to beg earnestly for permission to return to his comrades, which he was allowed to do.

Constantine returned to his home several hours after his exciting experience, of course finding his

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wife very much frightened. She begged him to enlist to prevent further trouble. This he stoutly refused to do, and told her that should he disappear to have no fear, as he would, if living, return again to her.

He soon began to plan a means of escape in case he should be taken by surprise, as he was certain he would be. His wife then suggested that he depart quietly in disguise. This appeared to be humiliating to him, so he awaited the consequences.

One night the quiet of his home was disturbed by the tramping of hoofs. On looking out, saw in the darkness what he supposed to be a few men in uniform on horse-back, and he was not mistaken. By previous agreement, his wife quickly opened the door to admit or engage them in conversation while Constantine escaped through a window and made way for the river, where he kept a small boat for such an emergency. His pursuers appeared to have had some knowledge of his intention to escape by such means, and prevented him from making it this way. He resorted to the only opportunity left him, and that was to swim the river as he had often done before, but under different circumstances.

While they were searching, or pretending to do so, on one side of the river, he was being sheltered on the other side by a kind friend. Constantine soon made his way to what was then known as the cypress swamps, in the lower part of the peninsula, where he erected himself a hut, and made wooden buckets, tubs, etc., living the life of a hermit, alone and secluded.

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except when he would take his wares some distance to the house of an aged couple engaged in the same occupation, who would sell same as their own make in a distant village, for which they would return to him food, tools, material for clothing, and sometimes a little money.

His friends and relatives thought him dead, but his wife never lost hope, had faith, and constantly looked for his return. Her faith was well founded, and she looked not in vain, for one day and more than a year before the close of the war he returned to his home, faithful wife and child, for to him a daughter had been born not long after his sudden departure from home. The prospect of his young wife soon being a mother, and that of the first to be born to them, was the real cause of his so positively refusing to join the Army, when requested to do so.

He immediately on his arrival home lost no opportunity either in private or public to express his desire for the success of his fellow-countrymen under arms, and declared himself more substantially on July 25, 1780, by enlisting as one of Dorchester County's quota of 20 men toward the Regiment Extraordinary that was being organized by the State of Maryland.

Constantine's natural inclination was rather temperate though frequently taking a drink of intoxicating liquor. In fact, it was a custom for most men in those days. It was not long after his return home that he became very much impressed with the teachings of John Wesley and his followers, was soon

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converted and became a member of the first organization of Methodists that held regular services in Federalsburg, Md. Services for preaching were generally held only on alternate weeks, on Wednesday afternoon. He is supposed to have become the pioneer of the Wright family in Methodism, and converted to that faith as scores of others were in 1779-80, or soon thereafter, when the pious and fearless Freeborn Garrettson made that memorable itinerary in Dorchester County, preaching that "New Religion" Methodism, to-wit: "The salvation or non-salvation of each human being depends solely on his or her own action in respect to the enlightening, renewing, and sanctifying works of the Holy Spirit," laying much stress on the power of God to forgive sinful man, and the eternal punishment that awaits those who would not repent of their sins.

Mr. Garrettson was arrested for preaching and cast into Cambridge jail, and while in its darkened cells prayed fervently and aloud for the forgiveness of the sins of his enemies. A tidal wave of spiritual revival flowed close in the wake of this reverend gentleman's eloquent sermons and fervent prayers. Such times and conditions have not been known in any religious denomination in "Old Dorset" from that time to the present. Constantine never tasted, not even as a medicine, intoxicating liquors after joining the Methodists. His wife, Bethaney, also became a devout follower of the same denomination and faith, and they together set up a family altar, taking the Bible as

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their guide. They were soon established with their neighbors and relatives as staunch Christians beyond question.

He was often called on to hold religious services, deliver exhortations, visit and pray with the sik, and perform other Christian duties.

His standing was such, and his opinions so highly respected that disagreeing neighbors often sought his advice and counsel in settling their disputes and differences. There was however another class of men that evaded him—the lawless rowdy and other disturbers of the peace. To them he was a terror, always defending the innocent and helpless against harm or abuse. And when words of persuasion failed to make the offender desist, has been known more than once to resort to his physical force, with satisfactory results, at least to himself and those that were being imposed upon.

When asked if his church and new religion permitted him to thus smote his brothers, his reply was that he generally did that which needed doing most, first, and read his Bible and attended to his church duties at more convenient seasons.

He never took a dose of medicine from a physician until on his death-bed. Was sick only once before that time and a doctor was sent for. When he arrived his breath smelled of brandy. His patient tried to dismiss him, saying he would not take medicine from a doctor that had been drinking. The doctor still insisted on prescribing, and made the attempt to take

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his medicine from his saddle-bags that were near, which so provoked Constantine that he sprang from the bed in his bare feet and pursued the doctor out of the house and into the yard through snow that was on the ground at the time. He then returned to bed, took a few simple remedies and was soon well again.

Several years after, when on his death-bed, it was some time before his consent was obtained to have a physician, who arrived only in time to make his patient as comfortable as possible during his last hours, which were not many after the doctor's arrival. He died about 1824, and was reckoned to have been nearly seventy years old. Was buried at "Tryall" in the family burying ground.

The writer is unable to state whether or not he had any brothers or sisters, but it is generally supposed that he may have had both, as there were many Wrights in that portion of Dorchester County at that time.

After his death his real estate was disposed of as follows: Jan. 8, 1825, Joshua, Jesse and Cornelius Wright, Euphamia Paddison, Francis and Nancy Stevens, Thomas and Elizabeth Connolly, William and Levitia Corkran, heirs at law of Constantine, deeded to Kenley Wright, son of Constantine, all that part of a tract of land called "Anderson's Discovery;" and also all that part of a tract called "Charles Regulation," containing 122 acres. They also, on Aug. 9, 1829, deeded to Francis Stevens a tract of land called "New Port," a tract of land adjoining "New Port,"

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part of a tract called "Tryall," and part of a tract called "Middle Land," containing 277½ acres and 26 perches, lying on the east side of the North-West Fork River, Dorchester County, Maryland.

Constantine Wright married in 1820, for a second wife, Nelly Hurst, a license being issued to them on December 23d of that year. To this last union were born one son, Peter by name. There were born to him and Bethaney, his first wife, nine children: Euphamey (called Famey), Joshua, Elizabeth (called Bethaney), Levitia (called Levica), Jesse, Nancy (called Lovie), Kenley, Cornelius, and Mary.

It is here shown that all of the daughters, with one exception, were called and known by other than their real given or Christian name.

Famey Wright married for her first husband John Paddison (now spelled Pattison). A license was granted them September 23, 1807. After Mr. Pattison's death she married for a second husband Nimrod Andrew.

Joshua Wright married Mary C. Hutchinson December 14, 1807; a license being granted them on the same date.

Elizabeth Wright married Thomas Connolly. A license was granted them March 14, 1816.

Levitia Wright married William Corkran, and it is of record that a marriage license was granted on October 28, 1823, to William Corkran and Louisa

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Wright. It is evident Louisa should have been spelled Levitia, and was the same person.

Jesse Wright married Eliza Willis; a license was granted them January 11, 1819.

Nancy Wright married Francis Stevens; a license was granted them January 11, 1814.

Kenley Wright married for his first wife Celia Lewis, January 29, 1818; and married, December 5, 1875, for a second wife, Nancy Corkran (nee Nichols), widow of Elisha Corkran.

Cornelius Wright married Mabel Stevens; a license was granted them February 28, 1818.

Mary Wright married William Stevens; a license was granted them November 9, 1824.

Peter Wright, some say, married Elizabeth Charles, a daughter of one Cannon Charles. When grown he left the old home and went West, remaining there until his death, which no doubt occurred before he had reached more than middle age.

Kenley Wright was the most prominent, and lived to be older than any of his brothers or sisters. He was born Wednesday, November 14, 1798. To him and his first wife were born thirteen children, twelve of whom were married and living when he died, Tuesday, December 8, 1885, in the eighty-eighth year of his age. Mrs. Celia R. Collins, one of his grandchildren, was a grandmother previous to his death. Roxie V. Hackett, granddaughter of Mrs. Collins, was born Friday, Jan. 25, 1884, hence there were five genera-

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tions of his family, including himself, living at the same time. Kenley Wright lived to see his fourth generation of descendants. Few have been so bountifully blessed by both time and nature as was great-great-grandfather Kenley Wright.

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CHAPTER IV.

JESSE WRIGHT.

Jesse Wright, son of Constantine and Bethany Wright, was born Tuesday, January 6, 1795, at "Tryall," the Wright homestead, about three miles below Federalsburg, on the east side of the North-West Fork of the Nanticoke River, Dorchester County, Maryland.

He remained with his parents at "Tryall" while growing to manhood, assisting with the farm work, and at the fishery conducted from the shores of the old homestead during the spring season. When a boy he attended a nearby public school during the winter months, and when a lad attended for a short period each year the school at Federalsburg, thus acquiring only a limited education.

When grown, he was of medium height and build, very dark brown hair and rather fair complexion; habits were extremely temperate; cheerful in disposition, though stern and determined when necessary. He was generally healthy, and yet eating and sleeping were almost secondary matters with him, not eating generally more than would a child of eight years. An egg, small piece of bread and a cup of coffee was often a favorite meal, though eating more occasion-

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ally. Six hours sleep was ample for him out of twenty-four hours, and for days at a time less than six hours was sufficient.

During the more pleasant seasons of the year it was nothing unusual for him to leave his bed and house during the small hours of the night and take a stroll around the yard, and frequently sit under some favorite tree enjoying a pipe of tobacco for an hour or so, and then return to bed to complete his night's rest. A night seldom passed in any season of the year that he was not out of bed more than once and sit in a comfortable chair for some time.

From boyhood until his death he was a close observer of the weather and would forecast changes of wind and weather and approaching storms, also changes in temperature, several days in advance of their coming. His predictions were so generally fulfilled that his reputation was more than a local one as a weather prognosticator.

He joined the Methodist Episcopal Church at Fredcralsburg when quite a young man, and thereafter adhered strictly to its doctrine and discipline, until his death. Few enjoyed reading the Scriptures more than he, and by the aid of a retentive memory he could quote almost any passage therefrom he desired, and nothing unusual for him to repeat verbatim a whole chapter from memory.

In politics he was an ardent Whig, never held office, and never was a candidate or an applicant for such.

He married, on Thursday, January 14, 1819, Eliza

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Willis, daughter of Thomas and Rhoda Willis, born Friday, October 23, 1801. Immediately after the marriage began farming about one and one-half miles from Federalsburg, and on the West side of the North-West Fork of the Nanticoke River, Dorchester County, Maryland.

He often referred to the year he began farming as the time that corn was worth one dollar per bushel. This remarkable high price for corn may have been caused by inclemency of the weather during the two preceding years. It has been said that there was frost during each month except one of the year 1817 or 1818, and there was not enough corn grown in some sections of the Eastern Shore of Maryland for seeding purposes, and the year or so following was dry and cool, hence short crops of corn and high prices prevailed.

He resided on this farm but a few years and then occupied a farm known as the "Newton" or "Coffee" farm, lying on the east side of Miles branch and on the south side of the road leading from Federalsburg to Johnson's Cross Roads, and about one mile from the former place, remaining here until January 1, 1832, when he with his family took up their residence at "Tryall," the Wright homestead, he having purchased it in the meantime, as the record shows that on July 14, 1831, William Stevens and Mary Stevens, his wife, deeded to Jesse Wright all their tracts or parts of tracts, one called "New Port," one called "Tryall" and another called "Middle Land," containing 277

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acres and 36 sq. perches, and once belonging to the estate of the late Constantine Wright, and was conveyed by his heirs on August 9, 1825, to one Francis Stevens. The Francis Stevens referred to above was a brother-in-law and his wife the youngest sister of Jesse.

On May 28, 1835, Paul and Priscilla Conway deeded to Jesse Wright all that portion of two tracts of land called "Addition" to "Hog Quarter" and "Ezekiel's Fortune," containing 119½ acres. The two tracts last named are supposed to have adjoined the homestead.

On September 18, 1837, Henry Page, Trustee, deeded to Jesse (C.) Wright all that tract of land called "Tryall," containing 13¾ acres. (The "C." as Jesse's middle name was an error, as he had none.)

On June 6, 1846, Levin Tull deeded to Jesse Wright all that part of a tract called "Tryall," containing 30 acres.

On September 23, 1852, Nathan and Eliza Williams deeded to Jesse Wright all those parts of tracts of land called "Blair's Crook," "Athel & Dunkell" and "North Division" on the west side of the road leading from Washington Chapel to a lot called Mrs. Granger's lot, containing 100 acres. This last tract was far removed from his other lands, and now lies about one mile westerly from the town of Hurlock, Dorchester County.

On April 8, 1854, Jesse and Eliza Wright, his wife, deeded 96 sq. perches of the last named land to Thomas

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Bell, Minos Conway, John Bonner, Algernon Thomas and William Lowe, Trustees of M. E. Church, called Washington Chapel. This purchase was made in order that the Chapel lot might be enlarged. The Church organization of Washington Chapel or Church and the meeting house has been moved to Hurlock's, but the burying ground remains at its original place.

In addition to the above, Jesse Wright and Eliza Wright, his wife, deeded, on November 7, 1837, to Edward Lewis a part of two tracts of land called "New Port" and "Tryall," containing 9¾ acres, and on December 26, 1851, JesseWright and Eliza Wright, his wife, deeded to Willis Wright and Curtis A. Wright (both being their sons) all those tracts or parts of tracts of land called "Ezekiel's Fortune," containing 138 acres of land.

It is shown that Jesse Wright doubled his acres after purchasing "Tryall," the old homestead, in 1831, and became a prominent farmer, having under cultivation nearly three hundred acres. Corn was the principal crop and nearly one-half of his acreage under cultivation was set apart for that purpose. In addition to farming, he conducted successfully a fishery from the shores of "Tryall" during the spring seasons.

In 1844 he somewhat departed from his accustomed pursuits for a short period and built at a small shipyard on his own shore a sloop-rigged sailing vessel, which he named "Charlotte," after his youngest child. His son Willis was master and supercargo, and se-

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cured a competent sailing master and made several trips to bay and river ports and landings.

To Jesse and Eliza Wright were born eleven children, six boys and five girls: Daniel R., Jane, Levica, Willis, Arah Adaline, Curtis Anderson, John Riley, Eliza Ann, Constantine, Jesse and Charlotte, all of whom lived to reach their majority and marry, and all have living descendants except Eliza Ann, who had issue, but all have long since died.

Jesse Wright died of bronchial trouble principally, on Monday, March 12, 1855, in the sixty-first year of his age, and was buried near his father in the family burying ground at "Tryall." He made his last will and testament on March 5, 1855, only seven days before his death. It was probated in the Orphans' Court of Dorchester County, Md., March 20, 1855, eight days after his death. Said will mentions as his Executor, Daniel R. Wright, his oldest son, and further provided for a sale of all his property, the proceeds to be divided among his heirs by his Executor.

His widow, Eliza Wright, survived more than sixteen years, and died Tuesday, November 14, 1871, at "Belmont," a farm adjoining the village of Choptank, Md., occupied by and the home of her daughter Charlotte, and her husband, Samuel R. Buckley. She was in the seventy-first year of her age, and her remains were interred in the northwest side of the Methodist Episcopal churchyard at Preston, Md. The remains of Jesse Wright were disinterred at "Tryall" in 1898, forty-three years after their burial, and reinterred in Preston churchyard beside those of his wife Eliza. Tombstones mark the last resting place of them both.

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CHAPTER V.

Children of Jesse Wright.

Daniel R. Wright.
No. 1.

I.—Rev. Daniel R. Wright,[2] son of Jesse (O.) and Eliza Wright, was born Friday, October 15, 1819, in Dorchester County, Maryland, on a farm lying about one-half mile to the westward of the Northwest Fork River and about one and a-half miles from Federalsburg. He went with his parents to reside on the "Newton" or "Coffee" farm, lying on the east side of Miles branch, and on the south side of the road leading from Federalsburg, Md., to Johnson's Cross Roads (now Reliance), and about one mile from the former place, remaining here but a few years, and in January, 1832, went with his parents to reside at "Tryall," the Wright homestead, on the east bank of the Northwest Fork River about three miles below Federalsburg. While growing to manhood he assisted on the farm, also at a fishery that was conducted from the shores of "Tryall" by his father. He acquired what was then considered a fair education by attending a nearby school, and afterward the school at Federalsburg. When quite young took much interest in reading, especially sacred literature. When grown was a

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man of medium size and build, very light brown hair that curled at ends, which he generally wore rather long. Complexion somewhat light; always extremely temperate in habits; reserved in manner; morality and piety were the predominating elements in his character from early boyhood. At the age of eighteen he began learning the trade of cabinetmaking and carpentering in Federalsburg, becoming very proficient in both, and conducted each branch of the business in the same town and elsewhere. In January, 1853, he, with his family, left Federalsburg and occupied a farm known as "Blair's Crook," "Athol" and "Dunkeld," etc., lying on the west side of the road leading from Washington Methodist Episcopal Chapel (now Washington Cemetery) to "Mrs. Granger's lot." This cemetery lies about one mile west of Hurlock, Md., and was enlarged from this farm which, belonged to his father. During his stay there he was engaged both in farming and cabinetmaking until December, 1862. In January, 1864, he occupied a farm known and composed of parts of "Hiltsher," "Harris Hazzard," "Edmondson's Desire" and "Lang's Discovery," lying about three miles north of Preston, Caroline County, and purchased from his brother Willis in 1863 by Mary E. McBride, who became his second wife.

He left this farm about 1871 and resided in New Hope, a hamlet on the road leading from Preston to Federalsburg, and on the dividing line between Dorchester and Caroline counties. He was influential in establishing a postoffice at that place, and accorded

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the privilege of selecting a shorter name for the same. After a few names had been presented to the Post-office Department and refused, he sent in several more, among them the middle name of his youngest child, Henry Hynson, which was selected by the Department, and the place has borne that name ever since. He remained at Hynson but a few years, then resided at Fowling Creek, Bethlehem, Preston and finally at Choptank, Md., where he resided on the east side of Main street, near the public schol house, until his death, which occurred on Friday, June 2, 1893; he was buried in the M. E. churchyard at Preston, Md.

He joined the Methodist Episcopal Church when in his teens, transferring his membership to the church of the same denomination in the places where he afterwards resided. By the time he had reached his majority he was a class leader in his church, an honor in those days generally conferred upon persons much older. He was shortly thereafter licensed to exhort, and then given credentials as a local preacher, and finally deacon's orders were conferred upon him, giving him authority to perform marriage ceremonies, administer communion and perform other duties for the church. He frequently had under his care a charge or circuit in the absence of a regular pastor, filling the pulpits with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of his church and congregation, who generally were quick to recognize his knowledge of the Scriptures, which he could quote correctly from at will. His greatest ambition in early life was to be-

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come a regular minister of the Gospel, but in this he was soon disappointed, and prevented from doing so by contracting a throat disease that compelled him to abandon the much-cherished idea.

He was married three times, and, strange to say, each wife had the same first and middle names, and another strange coincidence in connection with these many marriages was that they all occurred on Tuesday. His first marriage was on Tuesday, March 25, 1845, to Mary Elizabeth Collins, daughter of John and Dinah Collins, born Saturday, March 25, 1826; died Sunday, July 13, 1862. To this union were born nine children, five girls and four boys: Susan Emily Adaline, Ann Eliza, Leonidas Hamilton, Wilbur Fisk, Willie Mina, Beverley Waugh, Ludwig Finley, Ida Merritt and Mary Elizabeth.

His second marriage was on Tuesday, January 12, 1864, to Mary Elizabeth McBride, daughter of Garrett and Susan McBride, born January, 1824; died Saturday, July 18, 1868. To this union were born two children, one girl and one boy, Ella and Daniel Edward.

His third marriage was on Tuesday, January 19, 1869, to Mary Elizabeth Patchett, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Patchett, born Monday, June 3, 1839. To this union were born two children, one girl and one boy, Eliza Ann and Henry Hynson.

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JANE WRIGHT.
No. 2.

II.—Jane Wright,[2] daughter of Jesse (O.) and Eliza Wright, was born Wednesday, June 20, 1821, in Dorchester County, Maryland, on a farm lying about one-half mile to the westward of the Northwest Fork River, and about one and a-half miles from Federalsburg.

She went with her parents to reside on the "Newton" or "Coffee" farm, lying on the east side of Miles branch, and on the south side of the road leading from Federalsburg to Johnson's Cross Roads (now Reliance) and about one mile from the former place.

In January, 1832, she went with her parents to reside at "Tryall," the Wright homestead on the east bank of the Northwest Fork river, about three miles below Federalsburg, and remained there while growing to womanhood. A greater portion of her time was spent in assisting with the household duties, acquiring only such an education as could be obtained in the nearby school that was kept open only a few months during each year.

When grown she was of medium size, fine formed, fair complexioned, and had dark auburn hair of a peculiar shade that did not in any way lessen the attractiveness of her face. Competent critics considered her features beautiful.

She was married, Wednesday, January 21, 1852, to Thomas James Hubbert, son of Hooper and Martha

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A. Hubbert, born Tuesday, March 20, 1827. For a few years after her marriage she, with her husband, resided with his parents at the Hubbert homestead, on the west side of the Northwest Fork River, opposite "Tyrall." From there they went to Caroline County, Md., to reside on a farm lying on the west side of the road leading from the Tan-yard to Hog Creek, and about half way from the former place to the Wood-wharf Road, where she died on Saturday, July 18, 1863, and was buried in the Wright family burying ground at "Tryall." She was the first of the eleven children of her parents to die, all of whom lived to reach their majority and enjoy marital happiness.

To Jane and Thomas J. Hubbert were born five children: Willis Wright, Annie Eliza, Mary Adaline, James Edward and Sarah Catherine.

Levisa Wright.

No. 3.

III.—Levisa Wright,[2] daughter of Jesse (O.) and Eliza Wright, was born Friday, January 3, 1823, in Dorchester County, Maryland, on a farm lying about one-half mile to the westward of the Northwest Fork River, and about one and one-half miles from Federalsburg. She went with her parents to reside on the "Newton" or "Coffee" farm, lying on the east side of Miles branch and on the south side of the road leading from Federalsburg, Md., to Johnston's Cross

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Roads (now Reliance), and about one mile from the former place, remaining on this farm until January, 1832, and then went with her parents to reside at "Tryall," the Wright homestead, on the east bank of the Northwest Fork River, about three miles below Federalsburg. While growing to womanhood, she remained with her parents, assisting with the domestic duties of the household. Obtained some education by attending the neighborhood school, that was open only a few months each year. When grown was not as tall as her sisters, but somewhat stouter than they were. Her hair was dark and curly, which she generally wore neatly curled; otherwise of medium complexion. She was animated and active, even when she had passed her eightieth year she enjoyed a vigor in both mind and body that few persons do at sixty.

She joined the Methdoist Episcopal Church at Federalsburg in 1842, and afterwards transferred her church membership to Preston, and finally to Easton, Md.

She married twice. The first time was on Thursday, April 7, 1853, to William M. Jones, son of Noah and Ebby Jones, born Sunday, October 29, 1820, died Thursday, February 17, 1859. During the period of her first marriage she resided with her husband in Seaford, Delaware. To this union were born three children, two boys and one girl, Walter Percily, Martin Wright and Willie.

After her first husband's death she resided in Caro-

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line County, Md. She married a second time, Tuesday, October 20, 1868, Peter Brinsfield, born Friday, December 22, 1820, died Wednesday, May 30, 1894. After the second marriage she lived with her husband at Upper Hunting Creek (now Linchester) until the end of 1868, when they took up their residence in Easton, Md. No children were born to this last union. She continues to reside in Easton in the full enjoyment of good health.

WILLIS WRIGHT.
No. 4.

IV.—Willis Wright,[2] son of Jesse (O.) and Eliza Wright, was born Monday, January 31, 1825, in Dorchester County, Maryland, on what was then known as the "Newton" or "Coffee" farm, lying on the east side of Miles branch, and on the south side of the road leading from Federalsburg to Johnson's Cross Roads (now Reliance) and one mile from the former place.

He remained on this farm with his parents until January, 1832, when he went with them to reside at "Tryall," the Wright Homestead, on the east bank of the Northwest Fork River, about three miles below Federalsburg. Remained with his parents until about nineteen years of age, assisting on the farm and at the fishery that was conducted from the shores of "Tryall" by his father. Acquired some education in the meantime by attending a nearby school a few months each year, also a school at Federalsburg for a short period only.

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When grown he was a little less than the average height of men, well built, fair complexion, light brown hair curling at ends, temperate habits, cheerful, somewhat gifted as a talker, frequently interspersing his remarks with original wit and refined humor.

In 1844 he assisted in the building of a small sailing vessel owned by his father and named after his youngest sister, Charlotte. He made a few trips as supercargo of same to bay and river ports and landings; afterwards was a clerk in his uncle's store at Cabin Creek. Engaged in farming one year near Cambridge, where he was a neighbor of a lad who was afterwards the late Bishop Hurst, of the M. E. Church.

In January, 1848, he went to Federalsburg to learn carpentering and cabinetmaking from his brother Daniel. Acquired a thorough knowledge of the trades, and engaged successfully in the business for many years thereafter. In December, 1851, he, with his brother Curtis, purchased from their father a tract of land called "Ezekiel's Fortune," adjoining the Wright homestead, and resided there until January, 1853, when he left Dorchester and occupied a farm in Caroline County, near New Hope (now Hynson).

He purchased, in 1854, a farm lying nearly three miles north of Preston, composed of parts of the following tracts: "Hillsher," "Harris Hazzard," "Edmondson's Desire" and "Lang's Discovery," occupying the same January, 1855.

In 1857 he built Friendship M. E. Church, which

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stands today in fair condition, without rebuilding, an evidence of stability and good workmanship.

In 1863 he purchased a farm in Poplar Neck, lying on the west side of the road leading from Preston into said Neck, and about two miles from the former place, occupying this farm January, 1864, and remained until January, 1893, when he took up his residence on Front or Water sreet in the village of Choptank, Md., until January, 1897, when he left the village and resided with his daughter Celia and her husband, Captain Perry, at the Herdlings, a handsome farm lying in Poplar Neck about three-fourths of a mile from Choptank, on the west side of and at the mouth of Marshy Creek.

He remained at the "Herdlings" until the end of 1903, when he returned to the water front at Choptank, where he and his ever-constant and devoted companion for over half a century are passing quietly down the western slope of their lives happly together.

In 1844 he joined the Methodist Episcopal Church at Eden, a small chapel in Dorchester County, moved his church membership to Federalsburg, where he was a class leader; thence moved his membership to Friendship, and afterwards to Preston, and finally to Choptank, where, notwithstanding his advanced years, he regularly attends and participates actively in all the divine services.

In politics he was first a whig, then an Abolitionist, next a Union man, and finally a Republican. In 1861 he enlisted in a volunteer home guard militia as first

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sergeant, with headquarters at Upper Hunting Creek (now Linchester). The company disbanded in 1863.

He was a trustee of Poplar Neck school for many years; a road supervisor several times. Was a candidate on the Republican ticket for County Commissioner in 1889, polled a good vote, but was defeated with the rest of his ticket, the Dmocrats winning by a small majority.

Married, Tuesday, January 6, 1852, Margaret Frances Patchett, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Patchett, born Thursday, November 20, 1834. To this union were born four children: Celia Frances, Charles Willis, Elizabeth Ellen and Joseph Mowbray. Himself and wife, on January 6, 1902, celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage. There were present the four children, their husbands and wives, and their two grandchildren, their husband and wife, also one great-grandchild, not a death having occurred in the entire immediate family, which includes those mentioned, for over fifty years. A daugter and also a grand-daughter-in-law have since died.

ARAH ADALINE WRIGHT.

No. 5.

V.—Arah Adaline Wright,[2] daughter of Jesse (O.) and Eliza Wright, was born Tuesday, March 13, 1827, on what was then known as the "Newton" or "Coffee" farm, lying on the east side of Miles branch, and on the south side of the road leading from Federalsburg,

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Md., to Johnson's Cross Roads (now Reliance), and about one mile from the former place. She went with her parents in January, 1832, to reside at "Try-all," the Wright homestead, on the east branch of the Northwest Fork River, about three miles from Federalsburg. While growing to womanhood she assisted in the household duties, and acquired some education by attending a nearby school that was kept open during a few months each year. When grown she was of medium size, brown hair and fair complexion, somewhat reserved and dignified in manner.

She married, Thursday, January 2, 1845, Joseph Payne, son of Levi and Sarah Payne, born in 1819. Immediately after their marriage they occupied the farm of her husband, lying about one-half mile from and on the west side of the Northwest Fork River, and about one and a-half miles from Federalsburg. In 1864 they occupied a farm known as "Double Purchase," lying about one and a half mile westerly from Williamsburg, in Dorchester County. Early in life she became a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Federalsburg, and at the time of her death was a devout and consistent member of Washington M. E. Church. This church has since been moved from its original site to Hurlocks, Md.

She died at "Double Purchase," Monday, October 12, 1874, and was buried in Washington churchyard. Her husband survived her, and married a second time. He died Friday, May 22, 1894, and was also buried in Washington churchyard, or cemetery.

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To Arah Adaline and Joseph Payne were born eight children, five boys and three girls, as follows: John Wesley, Benjamin Franklin, Amanda Laura, Ida Augusta, Bascom Mulligan, Joseph Emory, Sarah Eliza, and Edward Cookman Payne.

CURTIS ANDERSON WRIGHT.
No. 6.

Vi.—Curtis Anderson Wright,[2] son of Jesse (O) Eliza Wright, was born Tuesday, November 18, 1828, in Dorchester County, Md., on what was then called the "Newton" or "Coffee" farm, lying on the east side of Miles branch and on the south side of the road leading from Federalsburg to Johnson's Cross Roads (now Reliance), and about one mile from the former place. He went with his parents in January, 1832, to reside at "Tryall," the Wright homestead, on the east bank of the Northwest Fork river, about three miles below Federalsburg. While growing to manhood he assisted in cultivating the farm, also at a fishery conducted from the shores of "Tryall" by his father. He acquired some education by attending the nearby country school; also attended the school at Federalsburg for a short period only. When grown was of medium height but rather stout, being larger than either of his brothers; had brown curly hair, and otherwise of a rather florid complexion. Was very jovial in disposition and agreeable in manner and of temperate habits. In December, 1851, he, with his

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brother Willis, purchased a tract of land called "Ezekiel's Fortune" from their father and adjoining "Try-all," immediately improving and occupying the same with his brother. About 1860 he purchased a farm called "Brotherhood," lying in the fourth district of Caroline County, Md., about two and one-half miles northward from Preston. He erected a dwelling and otherwise improved his late purchase, and occupied the same in 1862, disposing of "Ezekiel's Fortune" about the same year. He, together with his last wife, purchased property on September 16, 1884, at Harmony, same district and county. Retired from farming at "Brotherhood," erected a substantial residence at Harmony, and with their family took up their abode there on November 23, 1892, in their new house built under their own supervision and especially adapted to their comfort and convenience, and where they passed their declining days quietly and peacefully together until Tuesday, November 1, 1904, when he died suddenly whilst on his way from "Brotherhood," and was buried in the cemetery at Federalsburg; his wife dying twenty-seven days after in the same month and year, and was buried beside the grave of her deceased husband.

He joined St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church in Dorchester County, in 1843; afterwards moved his church membership to Preston, Caroline County. Was an active member of that denomination for twenty-seven years, and a member of the Board of Trustees at Preston for seven years. In 1870 became deeply

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interested in Smithson M. E. Church, South, which was organized near "Brotherhood," his home, and united with same. Was Chairman of its Board of Trustees for fifteen years, and Financial Steward for five years.

He was a Public School Trustee from 1884 to 1894, and a collector of State and County taxes for the fourth district of Caroline County during the years of 1882 and 1883.

In politics, he was first a Whig; was opposed to slavery, and at the breaking out of the Civil War was strongly in favor of maintaining the Union, and consequently, became a staunch Republican. Soon after the Civil War began, in 1861, he enlisted as a Corporal in a company of Home Guard Miliita, one Captain McMann commanding, with headquarters at Upper Hunting Creek (now Linchester), Caroline County, where they met and drilled until 1863, when they disbanded.

He was married three times. His first marriage was Saturday, January 15, 1853, to Sarah Ellen Patchett, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Patchett; born Monday, February 6, 1837; died Saturday, October 30, 1853. To this union were no children born.

His second mariage was Thursday, December 21, 1854, to Elizabeth Ann Todd, daughter of David and Elizabeth Todd; born Friday, March 24, 1826; died Saturday, May 22, 1858. To this union were born two children, the first dying in infancy; the second, a girl, Aramantha.

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His third marriage was Wednesday, May 16, 1860, to Lydia Poole Williams, daughter of Madison and Ann Williams; born Friday, May 27, 1842. To this third union were born eleven children, five boys and six girls, all of whom lived to reach their majority. They were: James Tilghman, Cora Lena, Madison Williams, Herbert Franklin, Annie Elizabeth, Addie Anderson, May Frances, Gertrude, Carrie Minnie, Creighton Cookman and German Garfield.

JOHN RILEY WRIGHT.

No. 7.

VII.—John Riley Wright,[2] son of Jesse (O) and Eliza Wright, was born Tuesday, July 6, 1830, in Dorchester County, Md., on what was then known as the "Newton" or "Coffee" farm, lying on the east side of Miles branch, and on the south side of the road leading from Federalsburg to Johnson's Cross Roads (now Reliance), and about one mile from the former place. He went with his parents in January, 1832, and resided at "Tryall," the Wright homestead, on the east bank of the Northwest Fork River, about three miles below Federalsburg.

He remained with his parents until about twenty-four years of age, assisting in cultivating the farm, also in the spring season at a fishery that was conducted from the shores of "Tryall" by his father. Obtained some education by attending a nearby school during the winter months.

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When grown to manhood he was of medium height and build, fair complexion and light brown hair, temperate in habits; reserved, quiet, and stern in manner.

He began farming in 1855 on a portion of "Tryall," the family homestead. Also conducted a fishery on its shores during the season for such. In 1862 he purchased a farm on the northwest side of Hunting Creek, being a portion of a tract called "Huntington," about one and one-half miles southward from Preston, Caroline County, Md., occupying the same January, 1863, and there remained, a successful farmer, for about twenty-seven years.

In 1889 he purchased a site and erected a comfortable residence on the southeast side of Main street, in Choptank, Md. On January 1, 1890, he retired from farming and moved to his village residence, where, with a pious companion who has journeyed faithfully with him for over fifty years, are enjoying retirement and the comforts of this life.

He joined the Methodist Episcopal Church at Federalsburg when about sixteen years of age, and the Methodist Episcopal Church at Preston, soon after taking up his abode in Caroline County, and was one of its trustees for many years. About 1890 moved his church membership to Choptank, and immediately became a trustee, steward, and class-leader of same, and continuing to the present as such. He was twice a trustee of a public school.

In politics was first a Whig; opposed to slavery; a

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strong Union man during the Civil War, and thence a staunch Republican.

Was married Thursday, January 11, 1855, to Ann Kimey, daughter of Alfred and Elizabeth Kimey; born Saturday, July 27, 1833. To this union were born eight children, six boys and two girls, born and named in order as follows: Jesse Alfred, William James, Walter Manship, Oliver Rosencrans, John Edward, Margaret Adaline, Martin Merrick, and Mary Manetty. All lived to reach their majority except one, John Edward.

Eliza Ann Wright.

No. 8.

VIII.—Eliza Ann Wright,[2] daughter of Jesse (O) and Eliza Wright, was born Thursday, July 12, 1832, in Dorchester County, Maryland, at "Tryall," the Wright homestead, on the east bank of the Northwest Fork of the Nanticoke River, about three miles below Federalsburg. She remained, while growing to womanhood, with her parents at the old homestead, and like many of her brothers and sisters acquired a limited education by attending the nearby country school during the winter months. She advanced very rapidly in her studies the short while that the opportunity afforded each year.

When grown she was of medium size, with light hair and fair complexion. Was not considered talkative, but when engaged in conversation was very in-

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teresting, and humorous when she desired to be so, so much so that the most pious and dignified generally yielded to her wit and could not refrain from laughing heartily. She was the favorite of both old and young, each enjoying her company more than a little and appreciated her modest manner of merry making.

Early in life she joined the Methodist Episcopal Church at Federalsburg, and remained a consistent member thereof until her death.

In January, 1853, she married William James Mowbray, son of James and Mary Mowbray; born Tuesday, August 6, 1833. During her entire married life she, with her husband, resided at the Mowbray homestead on the west side of the Northwest Fork River, about one and one-half miles from Federalsburg. Two children were born to this union, one girl and a boy, James Willis. She died Saturday, June 11, 1864, and was buried in the Wright family burying ground at "Tryall." By her death that branch of the descendants of Jesse and Eliza Wright became extinct, as her two children preceded her in death.

CONSTANTINE WRIGHT.
No. 9.

IX.—Constantine Wright,[2] son of Jesse (O) and Eliza Wright, was born Monday, May 19, 1834, at "Tryall," the Wright homestead, a farm about three miles from Federalsburg, and on the east bank of the Northwest Fork River, Dorchester County, Md., remaining there while growing to manhood, and

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assisted in the cultivation of the farm, also at a fishery that was conducted from the shores of "Tryall" by his father. He acquired some education by attending the nearby country school during the winter months. When grown, was taller than either of his brothers, and somewhat slender in build. Complexion was very light; hair being so light that it was generally called white. He was extremely jovial, cheerful, and agreeable in disposition, and temperate in habits. After his father's death he remained with his widowed mother at "Tryall" about three years, or until he was about twenty-four years of age, when he married, Thursdays, April 1, 1858, Mary Ellen Eaton, date of birth unknown; she, being an orphan, was reared as one of the family by one William Poole, from whom she inherited at his death two farms lying about two miles northwesterly of Williamsburg, Dorchester County, and near "Yellow bridge" M. P. Church (now called Zion). Immediately after their marriage they occupied these farms. He never joined any church, but the Methodist Episcopal was his favorite denomination, to whose services he was a regular attendant, and contributed to its financial support. In politics he was first a Whig; opposed to slavery, and at the breaking out of the Civil War became a strong advocate of maintaining the Union; at the time of his death was a Republican. He never held any office, but shortly after the beginning of the Civil War, in 1861, he enlisted as a private in a company of home guard militia commanded by one Capt. Wm. M.

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McMahan; Robert D. Bradley was Lieutenant; Upper Hunting Creek (now Linchester), Caroline County, was headquarters and where they generally drilled. Constantine had three brothers in this same company, which was disbanded and its members honorably mustered out in 1863.

He died from bronchial trouble and other complications, on Saturday, June 26, 1869, in the thirty-sixth year of his age, and was buried in the M. E. churchyard at Preston, Md.

His widow afterwards married one Willis Andrew, on Thursday, December 1, 1870; she dying on Monday, August 28, 1876.

To Constantine and Mary E. Wright were born five children, three boys and two girls, as follows: Lewis Richard, Edward Everett, Charles Jefferson, Annie Eliza, and Sarah Jane; all of whom lived to be grown men and women and married. Edward Everett was the first to depart this life.

JESSE WRIGHT.

No. 10.

X.—Jesse Wright,[2] son of Jesse (O) and Eliza Wright, was born Friday, November 18, 1836, in Dorchester County, Md., at "Tryall," the Wright homestead, on the east bank of the Northwest Fork of the Nanticoke River, about three miles below Federalsburg.

Like his brothers, acquired such learning as could be obtained by attending the nearby school a few

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months only during the year. When grown was smaller than either of his brothers. Had very light brown hair and fair complexion; extremely temperate in habits; talkative, active and energetic.

He remained with his parents at "Tryall," assisting in the farm work, and at the fishery conducted by his father on the shores of the old homestead until his father's death, after which he continued at the home with his widowed mother. Began farming in Dorchester County on a portion of "Tryall" in 1857, and continued to do so until 1859, when he moved to Caroline County and occupied a farm which was a part of "Huntington," on the east side of the Hunting Creek Neck road, about two miles southwesterly from Preston. Purchased the adjoining farm in 1860, and immediately occupied the same, which was a part of "Huntington" also.

He joined the Methodist Episcopal Church at Preston in 1870, and soon thereafter was selected as one of its trustees, and then one of its board of stewards, remaining as such to the present time. In 1903 he was one of the building committee that rebuilt and enlarged the church, making one of the most modern and attractive temples of worship on the Eastern Shore.

In politics was favorable to the abolition of slavery; was a strong Union man during the Civil War, and at its close became a staunch Republican. In 1861, the year of the breaking out of the Civil War, he enlisted as a private in a company of home guard militia, with

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headquarters at Upper Hunting Creek (now Linchester), commanded by Capt. Wm. M. McMann. The company disbanded in 1863.

He married Wednesday, March 16, 1864, Ann Emily Williams, daughter of Madison and Ann Williams; born Wednesday, March 10, 1841; died Friday, November 4, 1904. To this union were born ten children: James Waldon, Laura Virginia, George Kenley, William Grayson, Annie Susie, May Catherine, Annie Eliza, Clara Levica, Freddie Norman, and Emory Henderson.

In 1866 he with his family left "Huntington" and occupied a farm called "Havre-de-Grace," an inheritance of his wife, lying on the west side of the road leading from Preston to Bethlehem, and about one and one-half miles from the former place.

In addition to his farming interests, he engaged in the canning business at Preston in 1892, with equal success. In the meantime he purchased a small farm on the east side of the road opposite "Havre-de-Grace."

On November 4, 1903, he and Willis, Curtis A., and John R., the four surviving brothers, cast their ballots at a general election at the same polling place in Preston, Md. Their ages averaged seventy-three and one-half years, and their ages combined were over two hundred and ninety-four years. They had at that time two sisters living, one older and the other younger than either of the four brothers.

At the end of the year 1903, Jesse Wright with his family moved from the farm "Havre-de-Grace" and

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occupied a handsome residence that he had built the same year upon a site of his own selecting and purchase on the southeast side of Railroad avenue in the beautiful town of Preston, Md., where he continued to reside after his wife's death.

CHARLOTTE WRIGHT.

No. 11.

XI.—Charlotte Wright,[2] youngest child of Jesse (O) and Eliza Wright, was born Thursday, December 15, 1842, in Dorchester County, Md., at "Tryall," the Wright homestead, on the east bank of the Northwest Fork of the Nanticoke River, about three miles below Federalsburg. She, like her elder sisters, acquired as much education as could be obtained by attending a nearby school only a few months each year. When grown was of medium size, but inclined to be more stout as she advanced in years; very active, energetic, and talkative; had auburn hair and fair complexion.

She remained at home with her parents until her father's death, and continued to live with her widowed mother at "Tryall" four or five years thereafter. In 1859 she left Dorchester and went to Caroline County, and resided with her brother Jesse on a farm that he purchased, lying on the southeast side of the Hunting Creek Neck road, leading from Preston to Choptank, and about two miles southwesterly from the former place. She joined the Methodist Episcopal Church at

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Preston in 1860, holding her membreship there for over twenty-five years; thence transferred it to the M. E. Church at Choptank. On Wednesday, January 6, 1864, she married Samuel Richard Buckley, son of John and Mary Buckley, born Wednesday, December 14, 1836. She and her husband began their married life on a farm lying on the west side of the road leading from Preston to Medford's Wharf (now Choptank), and about two miles from the former place. They afterwards occupied a large plantation, known as "Belmont" or "Medford" farm, which was the first farm on the west side of the only road at that time leading from Medford's Wharf. About 1870 they purchased a farm in Poplar Neck, lying on the east side of the road leading from Preston into Poplar Neck and about three miles from the former place.

In 1892 they erected a comfortable residence on the west side of Main street in the village of Choptank, Md.; retired from farming the same year, and occupied their new home, where she now lives with her husband, each enjoying, as they always have, the true companionship of the other. To this union were born seven girls and one boy: Mary Eliza, Norah Alice, Carrie Sammie, Arlow Cookman, Addie Lee, Maggie, Hattie May, and Elsie Gertrude.

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CHAPTER VI.

Grandchildren of Jesse Wright.

Children of Daniel R. (1) and Mary E. (Collins) Wright.

12

I.—Susan Emma Adaline Wright,[3] born Saturday, March 28, 1846; died Friday, May 31, 1872; married Thursday, January 16, 1868, Nicholas Spencer Hopkins, son of Nicholas and Matilda Hopkins; born Tuesday, January 6, 1846. To this union were born Otto Benson and Indiana Virginia Hopkins.

13

II.—Ann Eliza Wright,[3] born Thursday, November 18, 1847; died Monday, August 11, 1851.

14

III.—Leonidas Hamilton Wright,[3] born Saturday, December 18, 1849; died Sunday, March 17, 1872.

15

IV.—Dr. Wilbur Fisk Wright,[3] born Saturday, September 6, 1851; married Wednesday, April 29, 1891, Minnie Merrill Wolf, of Ohio, daughter of Aron and Catherine Wolf; born Tuesday, August 15, 1865.

16

V.—Willa Minah Wright,[3] born Monday, November 28, 1853; died Sunday, May 12, 1907.

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17

VI.—Beverley Waugh Wright,[3] born Sunday, February 3, 1856; married Wednesday, December 28, 1881, Annie Sylindia Hubbard, daughter of Elias and Rebecca Corkran Hubbard; born Wednesday, December 14, 1864; died Monday, April 1, 1895. To this union were born Esther, Mabel, Earl Hubbard, Olin Beverley, and Leland Columbus Wright. Married Thursday, April 27, 1899, Emily Fletcher, daughter of Jeremiah Bartholomew and Henrietta Kelley Fletcher; born Friday, December 31, 1869.

18

VII.—Ludwin Finley Wright,[3] born Friday, November 27, 1857; married Wednesday, October 20, 1886, Georgiana Kelley, daughter of Jonah Francis and Mollie Kelley; born Friday, October 20, 1865.

19

VIII.—Ida Merritt Wright,[3] born Tuesday, March 20, 1860; died Tuesday, October 19, 1886; married ——, 1881, William Petit Butler, son of Enals and Elizabeth Butler; born Saturday, April 31, 1858. To this union were born Alpheous Vernon and Lizzie Agnes Butler.

20

IX.—Mary Elizabeth Wright,[3] born Thursday, June 26, 1862; died Thursday, June 16, 1904; married Tuesday, December 23, 1879, George Merrill Taylor, son of Perry DeRoachbroom and Elizabeth Ann Taylor; born Monday, September 27, 1858. Nine children were born to this union: Howard Milton,

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James Hudson Walter, Victor Hamond, Oliver Merrill, Wilbur Leon Tabler, Robert Noble, Marie Grace, Frances Willard and Ethel Thorp Taylor.

CHILDREN OF DANIEL R. (1) AND MARY E. (MCBRIDE) WRIGHT.

21

X.—Ella Wright,[3] born Wednesday, August 23, 1865; died Wednesday, August 23, 1865.

22

XI.—Daniel Edward Wright,[3] born Saturday, October 5, 1867; died Sunday, August 2, 1868.

CHILDREN OF DANIEL R. (1) AND MARY E. (PATCHETT) WRIGHT.

23

XII.—Eliza Ann Wright,[3] born Tuesday, November 23, 1869; married Wednesday, June 21, 1899, Charles Henry Dewald, son of George and Mamie Dewald.

24

XIII.—Henry Hynson Wright,[3] born Wednesday, June 28, 1871; married Tuesday, October 17, 1893, Elizabeth Margaret Rumbold, daughter of John and Mary Rumbold, born Friday, February 11, 1876.

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CHILDREN OF JANE (WRIGHT 2) AND THOMAS J. HUBBERT.

25

I.—Willis Wright Hubbert,[3] born Saturday, January 1, 1853; died Friday, February 17, 1882.

26

II.—Ann Eliza Hubbert,[3] born Monday, October 29, 1855; married Wednesday, November 30, 1881, William Henry Neal, son of Turpin Wright and Henrietta Neal, born Saturday, April 10, 1858.

27

III.—Mary Adaline Hubbert,[3] born Friday, March 20, 1857; married Saturday, July 23, 1881, Levi Morris Fulton, son of Hamersley and Rebecca Fulton, born Tuesday, July 3, 1849. (No record of this family since January 1, 1904.)

28

IV.—James Edward Hubbert,[3] born Tuesday, July 6, 1858; married Wednesday, May 27, 1885, Ida Virginia Covey, daughter of Uriah and Susan Covey, born Friday, February 14, 1862.

29

V.—Sarah Catherine Hubbert,[3] born Monday, February 18, 1861; married Wednesday, February 18, 1885, George Mitchell Harper, son of James and Eliza Ann Harper; born Tuesday, July 27, 1858.

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CHILDREN OF LEVICA (WRIGHT 3) AND WILLIAM M. JONES.

30

I.—Walter Percily Jones,[3] born Saturday, March 10, 1855; died Monday, March 12, 1855.

31

II.—Martin Wright Jones,[3] born Monday, June 15, 1857; died Wednesday, August 25, 1858.

32

III.—Willie Jones,[3] born Thursday, August 18, 1859; married Wednesday, December 22, 1880, Bernard Whalen Ross, son of James Washington and Susan Ann Ross, born Tuesday, September 9, 1856.

CHILDREN OF WILLIS (4) AND MARGARET F. WRIGHT.

33

I.—Celia Frances Wright,[3] born Friday, October 27, 1852 → 1854; married Wednesday, April 3, 1872, Capt. William Henry Harrison Perry, son of William and Nancy Perry, born Monday, February 8, 1841.

34

II.—Capt. Charles Willis Wright,[3] born Tuesday, October 17, 1854; married Tuesday, January 14, 1896, Cornelia Sophia Stockley, daughter of Col. Albert Augustus and Amelia Sophia Stockley, born Thursday, November 15, 1866.

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35

III.—Elizabeth Ellen Wright,[3] born Thursday, August 5, 1858; died Friday, January 27, 1905; married Wednesday, October 28, 1896, David Francis Perry, son of William and Nancy Perry, born Tuesday, February 8, 1848. To this union no children were born.

36

IV.—Joseph Mowbray Wright,[3] born Wednesday, March 23, 1870; married January 31, 1895, Jennie Brice Spies, daughter of William Henry and Hannah Spies, born Sunday, October 13, 1872.

CHILDREN OF ARAH ADALINE (WRIGHT 5) AND JOSEPH PAYNE.

37

I.—John Wesley Payne,[3] born Sunday, November 16 1845; died Friday, February 7, 1879; married Thursday, January 7, 1875, Martha Jane Wheatley, daughter of James Ross and Eliza Ellen Wheatley, born Friday, January 26, 1849. To this union were born James Clarence and John Wesley.

38

II.—Benjamin Franklin Payne,[3] born Wednesday, February 6, 1850; died Wednesday, August 10, 1887; married Saturday, November 4, 1876, Mollie Salome Andrews, daughter of Thomas and Rebecca Andrews, born Tuesday, November 28, 1848; died

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Wednesday, August 21, 1901. To this union was born Harvey Benjamin Payne.

39

III.—Amanda Laura Payne,[3] born Tuesday, April 8, 1856; died Thursday, December 1, 1904; married Wednesday, January 10, 1877, Daniel Henry Harper, son of Daniel and Lovey Harper, born Friday, March 22, 1850. Four children were born to this union: Ira Edwin, Garland Henry, Lovie Adaline, and Howard Nichols Harper.

40

IV.—Ida Augusta Payne,[3] born Saturday, June 25, 1859.

41.

V.—Bascome Mulligan Payne,[3] born Friday, July 12, 1861; married Wednesday, December 28, 1887, Anna Eliza Russell, daughter of William and Mary Hamilton Russell, born Sunday, January 14, 1866.

42

VI.—Joseph Emory Payne,[3], born Wednesday, October 15, 1862; married Wednesday, December 30, 1891, Annie Levina Harper, daughter of Wiliam and Elizabeth Harper, born Thursday, January 20, 1870.

43

VII.—Sarah Eliza Payne,[3] born Thursday, February 25, 1864; married Wednesday, February 14, 1906, Daniel Henry Harper, son of Daniel and Lovey Harper, born Friday, March 22, 1850.

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44

VIII.—Edward Cookman Payne,[3] born Saturday, March 27, 1869; married Wednesday, April 7, 1897, Carrie Emily Hoffman, daughter of Henry and Agatha Worth Hoffman, born Friday, December 24, 1875.

CHILDREN OF CURTIS A. (6) AND ELIZABETH A. WRIGHT.

45

I.—Child,[3] born ———, 1855; died in infancy without name.

46

II.—Aramantha Wright,[3] born Friday, June 5, 1857; married Wednesday, July 7, 1875, William Henry Bowdle, son of Henry and Frances Ann Bowdle, born Thursday, October 17, 1850.

CHILDREN OF CURTIS A. (6) AND LYDIA P. WRIGHT.

47

III.—James Tilghman Wright,[3] born Sunday, May 26, 1861; married Wednesday, December 3, 1884, Mary Etta McGill, daughter of Thomas James and Annie Emily McGill, born Sunday, April 26, 1868.

48

IV.—Cora Lena Wright,[3] born Wednesday, November 19, 1862; married Wednesday, December 13, 1882, Charles Henry Leonard, son of John Henry and

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Emma Louisa Leonard, born Saturday, March 2, 1850.

49

V.—Madison Williams Wright,[3] born Monday, November 14, 1864; married Wednesday, May 25, 1887, Nora Martin Stack, daughter of Martin Luther and Annie Mariah Stack; born Wednesday, September 8, 1869.

50

VI.—Rev. Herbert Franklin Wright,[3] born Saturday, March 24, 1866; married Tuesday, March 29, 1898, Florence Lippincott Leeds, of District of Columbia, daughter of Isaac and Marion Virginia Leeds, born Monday, January 31, 1870 .

51

VII.—Annie Elizabeth Wright,[3] born Thursday, October 22, 1868; married Thursday, January 21, 1892, Thomas Henry Todd, son of Nathan and Estelle Todd, born Wednesday, March 21, 1838.

52

VIII.—Addie Anderson Wright,[3] born Saturday, February 5, 1870; married Wednesday, January 26, 1887, William Frank Leonard, son of John Henry and Emma Louise Leonard, born Saturday, September 3, 1853.

53

IX.—Mary Frances Wright,[3] born Friday, December 15, 1871; married Wednesday, January 8, 1890, Alva Lane, son of William Henry and Eliza Annie Lane, born Saturday, March 5, 1864.

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54

X.—Gertrude Wright,[3] born Monday, December 1, 1873; died Tuesday, April 21, 1901; married Monday, April 11, 1892, William Robert Dean, son of Jacob Wilson and Isabell Dean, born Tuesday, November 28, 1871, died Sunday, September 18, 1904. To this union were born Edith Marion and Alma May Dean.

55

XI.—Carrie Minnie Wright,[3] born Thursday, February 3, 1876; died Friday, September 20, 1895.

56

XII.—Creighton Cookman Wright,[3] born Saturday, October 19, 1878. (No record since January 1, 1904.)

57

XIII.—German Garfield Wright,[3] born Saturday, July 24, 1880; married Wednesday, January 2, 1901, Flora Bell Dean, daughter of Jacob Wilson and Isabell Dean, born Friday, June 15, 1877.

CHILDREN OF JOHN R. (7) AND ANN WRIGHT.

58

I—Jesse Alfred Wright,[3] born Saturday, April 19, 1856; married Thursday, February 14, 1878, Dora Carroll, daughter of Peter and Sarah Jane Carroll, born Sunday, August 26, 1860.

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59

II.—William James Wright,[3] born Saturday, February 27, 1858; married Wednesday, October 22, 1879, Mary Estelle Hawes, daughter of Samuel James Washington and Isabelle Jane Hawes, born Monday, June 11, 1860.

60

III.—Walter Manship Wright,[3] born Saturday, April 21, 1860; married Wednesday, March 25, 1885, Jennie Hubbard Pritchett, daughter of William Alexander and Eliza Jane Pritchett, born Sunday, December 27, 1863.

61

IV.—Oliver Rosencrans Wright,[3] born Saturday, May 23, 1863; married Tuesday, December 31, 1889, Addie May Bradley, daughter of William Spry and Emily Bradley, born Saturday, May 19, 1866.

62

V.—John Edward Wright,[3] born Saturday, March 10, 1866; died suddenly Tuesday, May 9, 1871, from a serious accident.

63

VI.—Margaret Adaline Wright,[3] born Friday, February 21, 1868; married Tuesday, December 26, 1899, Arnold Rache Messick, son of Luke Harrison and Elizabeth Messick, born Saturday, June 14, 1873.

64

VII.—Martin Merrick Wright,[3] born Sunday, December 19, 1869; married Wednesday, November 8, 1899, Mary Rebecca Williams, daughter of Charles

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Myers and Elizabeth Hauxter Williams, born Wednesday, April 22, 1874.

65

VIII.—Mary Manetty Wright,[3] born Thursday, April 17, 1873; died Monday, May 28, 1900; married Wednesday, November 21, 1894, Monroe Meredith Willey, son of Edward Monroe and Lucy Caroline Willey, born Friday, February 16, 1869. To this union were born Arthur Monroe and John Milton Willey.

CHILDREN OF ELIZA ANN (WRIGHT 8) AND WILLIAM J. MOWBRAY.

66

I.—Daughter,[3] born. Died in infancy without name.

67

II.—James Willis Mowbray,[3] born 1860; died 1863. Records burned, therefore complete data not given.

CHILDREN OF CONSTANTINE (9) AND MARY E. WRIGHT.

68

I.—Lewis Richard Wright,[3] born Friday, June 17, 1859; married Tuesday, December 23, 1884, Sarah Martha Gootee, daughter of William Wheedleton and Elizabeth Ann Gootee, born Thursday, February 27, 1862.

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69

II.—Edward Everett Wright,[3] born Tuesday, June 4, 1861; died Sunday, March 25, 1888; married Monday, December 17, 1883, Lucetta Phillips, daughter of Elisha and Tilithia Phillips, born Saturday, June 16, 1860. To this union were born Harry Edgar, Howard Melvin, and Lewis Edward Wright.

70

III.—Annie Eliza Wright,[3] born Sunday, June 12, 1864; married Thursday, March 26, 1885, James Warner Oldfield, of Delaware, son of John Masten and Mary Wilhelmina Oldfield, born Monday, June 14, 1856.

71

IV.—Sarah Jane Wright,[3] born Friday, April 13, 1866; married Wednesday, January 17, 1894, John Henry Dennis, of Delaware, son of John Olliver and Sallie Pricilla Dennis, born Sunday, September 4, 1870.

72

V.—Charles Jefferson Wright,[3] born Wednesday, April 8, 1868; married Wednesday, January 6, 1892, Annie Emily Harding, daughter of Edmondson Arey and Harriett Catherine Harding, born Friday, April 7, 1871.

CHILDREN OF JESSE (10) AND ANN E. WRIGHT.

73

I.—James Waldon Wright,[3] born Tuesday, February 20, 1866; died Monday, June 21, 1875.

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74

II.—Laura Virginia Wright,[3] born Monday, March 16, 1868; married Wednesday, October 24, 1888, Gootee Ellsworth Christopher, son of Silas and Ellen Zeana Christopher, born Wednesday, January 1, 1868.

75

III.—George Kenley Wright,[3] born Saturday, January 15, 1870; married Tuesday, February 23, 1892, Minnie Pinkney Collison, daughter of Andrew and Sarah Lizzie Collison, born Friday, January 15, 1875.

76

IV.—William Grayson Wright,[3] born Sunday, July 9, 1871; married Tuesday, February 10, 1891, Laura Benson Towers, daughter of Wesley and Mary Catherine Towers, born Tuesday, April 18, 1871.

77

V.—Annie Susie Wright,[3] born Friday, July 11, 1873; died Sunday, August 16, 1874.

78

VI.—Mary Catherine Wright,[3] born Monday, September 20, 1875; married Wednesday, January 13, 1897, Edward Vickers Lane, son of William Henry and Elizabeth Ann Lane, born Monday, September 17, 1866.

79

VII.—Annie Eliza Wright,[3] born Wednesday, December 20, 1876; married Thursday, March 14, 1895,

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Lemuel Emory Lynch, son of Lemuel and Martha Louise Lynch, born Monday, August 18, 1873.

80

VIII.—Clara Levica Wright,[3] born Friday, May 10, 1878; married Wednesday, March 26, 1902, James Henry Corkran, son of James Morton and Annie Eliza Corkran, born Wednesday, December 7, 1864.

81

IX.—Frederick Norman Wright,[3] born Thursday, March 15, 1883; married Wednesday, December 16, 1903, Lula Elizabeth Larrimore, daughter of Eli and Mary Larrimore, born Sunday, December 10, 1882.

82

X.—Emory Henderson Wright,[3] born Thursday, November 12, 1885.

CHILDREN OF CHARLOTTE (WRIGHT 11) AND SAMUEL R. BUCKLEY.

83

I.—Mary Eliza Buckley,[3] born Friday, September 30, 1864; married Wednesday, December 26, 1888, Franklin Hackett Chambers, son of James and Mary Jane Chambers, born Tuesday, August 11, 1863.

84

II.—Nora Alice Buckley,[3] born Monday, January 8, 1866; married Wednesday, June 4, 1890, Elmer Mitchell Waldron, son of Daniel Swasey and Mar-

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tha Barbara Waldron, born Monday, January 28, 1867.

85

III.—Carrie Sammie Buckley,[3] born Thursday, June 17, 1869; died Friday, November 18, 1870.

86

IV.—Arlon Cookman Buckley,[3] born Tuesday, July 23, 1872; died Saturday, April 19, 1873.

87

V.—Addie Lee Buckley,[3] born Sunday, November 2, 1873; died August 2, 1903; married Wednesday, September 14, 1898, George Meade Tull, son of Levin Henry and Sarah Elizabeth Tull; born Saturday, September 26, 1863. To this union was born Albert Lee Tull.

88

VI.—Maggie Buckley,[3] born Sunday, April 4, 1875; died Saturday, September 18, 1875.

89

VII.—Hattie May Buckley,[3], born Saturday, July 29, 1876; married Wednesday, November 20, 1901, John Kos LeCompt, son of Thomas James and Sallie Ann LeCompt, born Tuesday, March 24, 1874.

90

VIII.—Elsie Gertrude Buckley,[3] born Friday, August 1, 1879.

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PART THREE

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NOTE.

Part Three contains the record of the births, marriages and deaths of the descendants of the grandchildren of Jesse Wright, entered chronologically and numbered as each birth occurred, regardless of the branch, or generation, to which they belong, beginning January 1, 1869, and ending January 1, 1907, with few exceptions since January 1, 1904, and these being noted where the record is not given.

A record is also given of those connected with these families by marriage.

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CHAPTER I.

DESCENDANTS OF THE GRANDCHILDREN OF JESSE WRIGHT BORN FROM JAN. 1, 1869, TO JAN. 1, 1889.

91

I.—Otto Benson Hopkins,[4] son of Susan E. A. (12) and Nicholas S. Hopkins, born Friday, April 23, 1869; married Tuesday, April 30, 1889, Gladys Penn, daughter of Benjamin Franklin and Margaret Roseta Penn, born Monday, August 16, 1869.

92

II.—Indiana Virginia Hopkins,[4] daughter of Susan E. A. (12) and Nicholas S. Hopkins, born Friday, December 1, 1871; married Tuesday, April 12, 1892, William Remos Bowers, son of John M. and Kitty E. Bowers, born Monday, March 15, 1869.

93

I.—Harry Oscar Perry,[4] son of Celia F. (33) and Capt. W. H. H. Perry; born Thursday, January 16, 1873; married Wednesday, August 3, 1898, Essie Audrey Read, daughter of William and Sarah Read, born Tuesday, April 17, 1877, died Friday, July 24, 1903. To this union was born Esther Frances Perry.

94

II.—Georgia Avice Perry,[4] daughter of Celia F. (33) and Capt. W. H. H. Perry; born Saturday, May 22,

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1875; married Wednesday, December 25, 1901, Francis Mason Collins, son of John Henry and Josephine Elivia Collins, born Monday, October 25, 1875.

95

I.—James Clarence Payne,[4] son of John W. (37) and Martha J. Payne; born Saturday, February 12, 1876; died Wednesday, October 29, 1904, Kobe, Japan.

96

I.—Annie Rebecca Bowdle,[4] daughter of Aramantha (46) and William H. Bowdle; born Sunday, September 24, 1876; married Wednesday, April 22, 1896, Benson Bradford Biery, son of Edwin Joseph and Athlia Virginia Biery, born Sunday, October 11, 1874.

97

II.—Mary Elizabeth Bowdle, daughter of Aramantha (46) and William H. Bowdle; born Sunday, June 2, 1872; died Thursday, September 4, 1902; married Wednesday, January 22, 1896, Robert Henry Nichols, son of John Wesley and Elizabeth Ann Nichols, born Monday, July 13, 1863.

98

II.—John Wesley Payne,[4] son of John W. (37) and Martha J. Payne; born Thursday, January 2, 1879; married Monday, June 2, 1902, Clara Augusta Noble, daughter of Dr. Jacob Leverton and Manie Eugene Travers Noble, born Friday, July 13, 1883.

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99

I.—Harvey Benjamin Payne,[4] son of Benjamin F. (38) and Mollie S. Payne; born Tuesday, January 28, 1879. (No record since Jan. 1, 1904.)

100

I.—Emaline Wright,[4] daughter of Jesse A. (58) and Dora Wright; born Tuesday, April 13, 1879.

101

III.—Roxie Virginia Bowdle,[4] daughter of Aramantha (46) and William H. Bowdle; born Saturday, August 23, 1879; married Wednesday, January 2, 1901, Francis Bradford Miller; born Wednesday, August 20, 1879.

102

I.—Edward Orland Wright,[4] son of William J. (59) and Mary E. Wright; born Saturday, August 28, 1880; married Wednesday, January 22, 1902, Nettie Ray Price, daughter of Thomas Benny and Mary Frances Price, born Thursday, April 7, 1881.

103

I.—Howard Milton Taylor,[4] son of Mary E. (20) and George M. Taylor; born Monday, November 1, 1880; married Wednesday, October 31, 1906, Mary Elizabeth Collins, daughter of Henry Francis and Martha Sparklin Collins, born Thursday, May 1, 1884.

104

II.—Clarence Elmer Wright,[4] son of Jesse A. (58) and Dora Wright; born Wednesday, November 10, 1880; married Wednesday, October 12, 1904, Daisy Leah Hubbard, daughter of Nathan Thomas and

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Georgia Etta Hubbard, born Thursday, June 2, 1881.

105

IV.—William Edwin Bowdle,[4] son of Aramantha (46) and William H. Bowdle; born Saturlay, January 1, 1881.

106

I.—Alphious Vernon Butler,[4] son of Ida M (19) and William P. Butler; born Tuesday, October 25, 1881.

107

I.—Emory Aldred Ross,[4] son of Willie (32) and Bernard W. Ross; born Friday, January 6, 1882; married Thursday, September 6, 1906, Alice Maria Ryan, daughter of Patrick and Salena Ryan, born Thursday, May 7, 1885.

108

V.—India Aramantha Bowdle,[4] daughter of Aramantha (46) and William H. Bowdle; born Sunday, July 30, 1882; married Wednesday, January 6, 1904, William Henry Handy, son of Arthur Theodore and Anna Margaret Handy, born Wednesday, December 27, 1882.

109

I.—Victor Alton Neal,[4] son of Annie E. (26) and William H. Neal; born Sunday, September 10, 1882.

110

I.—Frederick Hammersley Fulton,[4] son of Mary A. (27) and Levi M. Fulton; born Tuesday, October 24, 1882.

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111

II.—Lizzie Agnes Butler,[4] daughter of Ida M. (19) and William P. Butler; born Friday, October 27, 1882; died Wednesday, December 27, 1882.

112

I.—Ethel Wright,[4] daughter of Beverley W. (17) and Annie S. Wright; born Monday, December 4, 1882; married, Wednesday, November 7, 1906, George Cunningham Mason, son of John Croggs and Emma Woodland Mason, born Thursday, February 22, 1872.

113

III.—Ira Wright,[4] son of Jesse A. (58) and Dora Wright; born Monday February 26, 1883.

114

II.—James Hudson Taylor,[4] son of Mary E. (20) and George M. Taylor; born Friday, July 13, 1883.

115

II.—Ernest Nelson Wright,[4] son of William J. (59) and Mary E. Wright; born Sunday, July 29, 1883; married Wednesday, May 21, 1902, Minnie Grace Smith, daughter of William James and Clara Lee Smith, born Wednesday, September 17, 1884.

116

I.—Bertha Pauline Leonard,[4] daughter of Cora L. (48) and Charles H. Leonard; born Wednesday, October 3, 1883; married Wednesday, June 7, 1905, William Kirby Norris, son of James Chambers and Mary Elizabeth Norris, born Sunday, November 15, 1863.

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VI.—Altha Ola Bowdle,[4] daughter of Aramantha (46) and William H. Bowdle; born Saturday, February 2, 1884; died Sunday, October 12, 1884.

118

I.—Ira Edwin Harper,[4] son of Amanda L. (39) and Daniel H. Harper; born Wednesday, February 13, 1884; died Tuesday, December 13, 1887.

119

IV.—Minnie Estelle Wright,[4] daughter of Jesse A. (58) and Dora Wright; born Sunday, May 25, 1884; married Tuesday, October 11, 1904, Joseph Howard Reed, son of George and Elizabeth Rice Reed; born Monday, October 31, 1870.

120

II.—Mabel Wright,[4] daughter of Beverley W. (17) and Annie S. Wright; born Sunday, November 16, 1884.

121

II.—Iphagenia Leonard,[4] daughter of Cora L. (48) and Charles H. Leonard; born Thursday, December 11, 1884; married Wednesday, March 15, 1905, Rev. William Daniel King, son of William Daniel and Plina King, born Tuesday, January 20, 1880.

122

I.—Harry Edgar Wright,[4] son of Edward E. (69) and Lucetta Wright; born Thursday, June 11, 1885.

123

II.—Mary Edna Fulton,[4] daughter of Mary A. (27) and Levi M. Fulton; born Thursday, October 22,

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1885; married Tuesday, September 15, 1903, James Andrew Whetsell, son of Thomas and Susan Whetsell, born Wednesday, October 24, 1877. (No record since January 1, 1904.)

124

I.—Leora Jane Hubbert,[4] daughter of Janes E. (28) and Ida V. Hubbert; born Friday, January 1, 1886; married Tuesday, January 24, 1905, Harry Deshields Turpin, son of Walter and Katherine Mills Turpin, born Tuesday, August 1, 1882.

125

I.—Frederick Lehman Wright,[4] son of Lewis R. (68) and Sarah M. Wright; born Tuesday, February 9, 1886.

126

I.—Ernest Downes Oldfield,[4] son of Annie E. (70) and James W. Oldfield; born Monday, March 15, 1886.

127

VII.—Martha Jane Bowdle,[4] daughter of Aramantha (46) and William H. Bowdle; born Wednesday, April 7, 1886; married November, 1906, Herman Jester.

128

III.—James Oliver Wright,[4] son of Walliam J. (59) and Mary E. Wright; born Sunday, May 2, 1886.

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129

II.—Howard Melvin Wright,[4] son of Edward E. (69) and Lucetta Wright; born Wednesday, June 30, 1886; died Tuesday, April 12, 1887.

130

III.—Victor Hammond Taylor,[4] son of Mary E. (20) and George M. Taylor; born Wednesday, June 30, 1886; died Sunday, July 24, 1887.

131

V.—Leedora Wright,[4] daughter of Jesse A. (58) and Dora Wright; born Friday, July 16, 1886. Married Wednesday, December 12, 1906, Henry West Jackson, son of Joseph Priestly and Mary Emma Jackson, born Thursday, September 10, 1885.

132

I.—Harry Bushey Wright,[4] son of Walter M. (60) and Jennie H. Wright; born Friday, July 23, 1886.

133

I.—Nellie Ellsworth Wright,[4] daughter of James T. (47) and Mary E. Wright; born Wednesday, August 25, 1886; died Sunday, July 17, 1887.

134

III.—*Earl Hubbard Wright,[4] son of Beverley W. (17) and Annie S. Wright; born Saturday, January 29, 1887; died Wednesday, May 6, 1903.

135

III.—Norman Elwood Leonard,[4] son of Cora L. (48) and Charles H. Leonard; born Saturday, February 19, 1887.

*Met death suddenly by a tree falling on him in a woods.

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III.—Maggie Myrtle Fulton,[4] daughter of Mary A. (27) and Levi M. Fulton; born Sunday, May 22, 1887; married Tuesday, September 15, 1903, Eugene David Lowry, son of David and Ettie Lowry, born Thursday, March 8, 1877. (No record since January 1, 1904.)

137

II.—John W. Oldfield,[4] son of Annie E. (70) and James W. Oldfield; born Monday, July 4, 1887.

138

I.—Ruby Lillian Wright,[4] daughter of Ledwin F. (18) and Georgiana Wright; born Thursday, July 21, 1887.

139

II.—James Melvin Wright,[4] son of Tames T. (47) and Mary E. Wright; born Tuesday, November 8, 1887.

140

II.—Thomas Willis Hubbert,[4] son of James E. (28) and Ida V. Hubbert; born Sunday, December 25, 1887.

141

II.—Swain Orvalee Neal,[4] son of Annie E. (26) and William H. Neal; born Monday, February 27, 1888.

142

III.—Lewis Edward Wright,[4] son of Edward E. (69) and Lucetta Wright; born Tuesday, July 3, 1888.

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143

VIII.—John Wesley Bowdle,[4] son of Aramantha (46) and William H. Bowdle; born Thursday, July 5, 1888.

144

I.—Paul Hildebrand Wright,[4] son of Madison W. (49) and Nora M. Wright; born Tuesday, July 31, 1888.

145

IV.—Olliver Merrill Taylor,[4] son of Mary E. (20) and George M. Taylor; born Thursday, August 16, 1888.

146

VI.—Alcade Wright,[4] son of Jesse A. (58) and Dora Wright; born Thursday, August 23, 1888.

147

IV.—Nellie Annabel Wright,[4] daughter of William J. (59) and Mary E. Wright; born Tuesday, October 2, 1888.

148

II.—Clara Willis Wright,[4] daughter of Walter M. (60) and Jennie H. Wright; born Saturday, October 6, 1888.

149

I.—Neavo Clark Payne,[4] son of Bascome M. (41) and Annie E. Payne; born Saturday, October 13, 1888.

150

IV.—Earl Ashton Leonard,[4] son of Cora L. (48) and Charles H. Leonard; born Saturday, October 28, 1888.

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CHAPTER II.

DESCENDANTS OF THE GRANDCHILDREN OF JESSE WRIGHT, BORN FROM JANUARY 1, 1889, TO JANUARY 1, 1895.

151

IV.—Grace Gertrude Fulton,[4] daughter of Mary A. (27) and Levi M. Fulton; born Friday, March 8, 1889. (No record since January 1, 1904.)

152

II.—Florence Marion Wright,[4] daughter of Ludwin F. (18) and Georgiana Wright; born Wednesday, May 1, 1889.

153

I.—Elmer Wright Leonard,[4] son of Addie A. (52) and William F. Leonard; born Monday, July 1, 1889; died Friday, January 2, 1891.

154

III.—Claudian Merrit Wright,[4] son of James T. (47) and Mary E. Wright; born Sunday, July 21, 1889.

155

II.—Garland Henry Harper,[4] son of Amanda L. (39) and Daniel H. Harper; born Wednesday, November 27, 1889.

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156

I.—Jesse Clark Harper,[4] son of Sarah C. (29) and George M. Harper; born Sunday, January 19, 1890; died Saturday, May 17, 1890.

157

VII.—Riley Wright,[4] son of Jesse A. (58) and Dora Wright; born Sunday, February 16, 1890.

158

VIII.—Carroll Wright,[4] son of Jesse A. (58) and Dora Wright; born Sunday, February 16, 1890; died Thursday, June 12, 1890.

159

III.—William Edwin Wright,[4] son of Walter M. (60) and Jennie H. Wright; born Saturday, March 1, 1890.

160

IV.—Olin Beverley Wright,[4] son of Beverley W. (17) and Annie S. Wright; born Wednesday, May 21, 1890.

161

III.—Jessie Myrtle Hubbert,[4] daughter of James E. (28) and Ida V. Hubbert; born Friday, August 1, 1890.

162

V.—Marie Estelle Wright,[4] daughter of William J. (59) and Mary E. Wright; born Thursday, October 23, 1890.

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163

I.—Myrtle Virginia Wright,[4] daughter of Olliver R. (61) and Addie M. Wright; born Saturday, October 25, 1890.

164

II.—Raymond Lanion Payne,[4] son of Bascome M. (41) and Annie E. Payne; born Friday, October 31, 1890.

165

I.—Emma Rosetta Hopkins,[5] daughter of Otto B. (91) and Gladys Hopkins; born Monday, November 10, 1890.

166

IV.—Sophia Adaline Wright,[4] daughter of James T. (47) and Mary E. Wright; born Thursday, November 13, 1890.

167

II.—Nellie Stack Wright,[4] daughter of Madison W. (49) and Nora M. Wright; born Friday, January 30, 1891; died Saturday, September 5, 1891.

168

V.—Benjamin Harison Fulton,[4] son of Mary A. (27) and Levi M. Fulton; born Sunday, May 31, 1891.

169

I.—Edna Florence Waldron,[4] daughter of Norah A. (84) and Elmer M. Waldron; born Wednesday, June 3, 1891.

170

IX.—Roland Wright,[4] son of Jesse A. (58) and Dora Wright; born Friday, June 5, 1891.

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171

I.—Jessie Emily Wright,[4] daughter of William G. (76) and Laura B. Wright; born 1891.

172

I.—Roland Franklin Chambers,[4] son of Mary E. (83) and Franklin H. Chambers; born Thursday, September 24, 1891.

173

IX.—David Atwood Bowdle,[4] son of Aramantha (46) and William H. Bowdle; born Saturday, October 10, 1891.

174

II.—Ruth Cleveland Hopkins,[5] daughter of Otto B. (91) and Gladys Hopkins; born Saturday, February 20, 1892.

175

V.—Wilbur Leon Tabler Taylor,[4] son of Mary E. (20) and George M. Taylor; born Thursday, June 30, 1892.

176

I.—Merrill Daniel Wright,[4] son of Dr. Wilbur F. (15) and Minnie M. Wright; born Wednesday, July 27, 1892.

177

III.—Hazel Harris Wright,[4] daughter of Madison W. (49) and Nora M. Wright; born Monday, August 22, 1892; died Tuesday, December 27, 1898.

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178

I.—Alice Elizabeth Payne,[4] daughter of Joseph E. (42) and Annie L. Payne; born Monday, October 10, 1892.

179

I.—Orland Norwood Lane,[4] son of Mary F. (53) and Alva Lane; born Saturday, October 22, 1892.

180

III.—Lovie Adaline Harper,[4] daughter of Amanda L. (39) and Daniel H. Harper; born Thursday, October 27, 1892.

181

II.—Eldridge Samuel Waldron,[4] son of Norah A. (84) and Elmer M. Waldron; born Friday, October 28, 1892.

182

V.—Mary Etta Wright,[4] daughter of James T. (47) and Mary E. Wright; born Sunday, November 20, 1892.

183

II.—Elsie Tabler Leonard,[4] daughter of Addie A. (52) and William F. Leonard; born Wednesday, January 11, 1893.

184

X.—Howard Brantly Wright,[4] son of Jesse A. (58) and Dora Wright; born Friday, January 13, 1893; died Monday, July 31, 1893.

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185

I.—Sylvia Sybil Bowers,[5] daughter of Indiana V. (92) and William R. Bowers; born Monday, January 16, 1893.

186

I.—Bessie Matilda Wright,[4] daughter of George K. (75) and Minnie P. Wright; born Wednesday, January 18, 1893.

187

VI.—Myra Sewell Wright,[4] daughter of William J. (59) and Mary E. Wright; born Sunday, February 5, 1893.

188

IV.—James Phillips Wright,[4] son of Walter M. (60) and Jennie H. Wright; born Monday, February 6, 1893.

189

V.—Lealon Columbus Wright,[4] son of Beverley W. (17) and Annie S. Wright; born Thursday, April 6, 1893.

190

I.—Mary Estelle Todd,[4] daughter of Annie E. (51) and Thomas H. Todd; born Monday, May 15, 1893.

191

IV.—Mary Edna Hubbert,[4] daughter of James E. (28) and Ida V. Hubbert; born Monday, July 17, 1893.

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II.—Elvira Wright,[4] daughter of William G. (76) and Laura B. Wright; born Thursday, July 27, 1893.

193

I.—Son,[4] born to Charles J. (72) and Annie E. Wright, August 28, 1893; died same day, without name.

194

II.—Mary Mildred Chambers,[4] daughter of Mary E. (83) and Franklin H. Chambers; born Saturday, September 23, 1893.

195

I.—Edith Marion Dean,[4] daughter of Gertrude (54) and William R. Dean; born Friday, October 6, 1893.

196

II.—Ralph Cooper Payne,[4] son of Joseph E. (42) and Annie L. Payne; born Friday, January 12, 1894.

197

XI.—Eddie Jessie Wright,[4] son of Jesse A. (58) and Dora Wright; born Tuesday, May 15, 1894; died Tuesday, August 7, 1894.

198

III.—Avery Lee Waldron,[4] son of Nora A. (84) and Elmer M. Waldron; born Monday, June 4, 1894.

199

II.—Howard Kenley Wright,[4] son of George K. (75) and Minnie P. Wright; born Thursday, June 28, 1894.

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200

IV.—Gladys Virginia Wright,[4] daughter of Madison W. (49) and Nora M. Wright; born Thursday, October 4, 1894.

201

II.—Vernon Otto Wright,[4] son of Charles J. (72) and Annie E. Wright; born Monday, November 5, 1894.

202

VI.—Robert Noble Taylor,[4] son of Mary E. (20) and George M. Taylor; born Sunday, December 16, 1894.

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CHAPTER III.

DESCENDANTS OF THE GRANDCHILDREN OF JESSE WRIGHT, BORN FROM JAN. 1, 1895, TO JAN. 1, 1901.

203

I.—Harry Auldine Dennis,[4] son of Sarah J. (71) and John H. Dennis; born Tuesday, February 12, 1895; died Friday, March 15, 1895.

204

V.—Lydia Aneita Leonard,[4] daughter of Cora L. (48) and Charles H. Leonard; born Wednesday, April 24, 1895.

205

II.—Lindsay Sebastin Bowers,[5] son of India V. (92) and William R. Bowers; born Tuesday, May 14, 1895.

206

V.—Annie Eliza Wright,[4] daughter of Walter M. (60) and Jennie H. Wright; born Saturday, August 24, 1895.

207

XII.—Son,[4] born to Jesse A. (58) and Dora Wright, September 15, 1895; died in infancy without name.

208

III.—Lottie Alice Chambers,[4] daughter of Mary E. (83) and Franklin H. Chambers; born Monday, September 16, 1895.

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209

III.—Mary Catherin Wright,[4] daughter of William G. and Laura B. Wright; born Saturday, October 19, 1895.

210

IV.—Hazel Barbara Waldron,[4] daughter of Norah A. (84) and Elmer M. Waldron; born Wednesday, January 15, 1896.

211

VII.—William Ralph Wright,[4] son of William J. (59) and Mary E. Wright; born Tuesday, February 25, 1896.

212

I.—Arthur Monroe Willey,[4] son of Mary M. (65) and Monroe M. Willey; born Tuesday, February 25, 1896.

213

I.—Hubert Emory Lynch,[4] son of Annie E. (79) and Lemuel E. Lynch; born Monday, April 13 ,1896; died Friday, August 14, 1896.

214

VII.—Marie Grace Taylor,[4] daughter of Mary E. (20) and George M. Taylor; born Friday, June 26, 1896.

215

III.—Carrie Harper Payne,[4] daughter of Joseph E. (42) and Annie L. Payne; born Wednesday, August 5, 1896.

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216

V.—Katharyne Wright,[4] daughter of Madison W. (49) and Nora M. Wright; born Wednesday, August 12, 1896.

217

V.—Luther Calvin Hubbert,[4] son of James E. (28) and Ida V. Hubbert; born Saturday, September 19, 1896.

218

XIII.—Son,[4] born to Jesse A. (58) and Dora Wright, Thursday, January 7, 1897; died in infancy without name.

219

II.—William Richard Wright,[4] son of Lewis R. (68) and Sarah M. Wright; born Tuesday, January 26, 1897.

220

IV.—William West Wright,[4] son of William G. (76) and Laura B. Wright; born Wednesday, May 19, 1897.

221

III.—Edward Everett Wright,[4] son of Charles J. (72) and Annie E. Wright; born Monday, June 21, 1897.

222

III.—Lydia Emma Leonard,[4] daughter of Addie A. (52) and Wiliam F. Leonard; born Wednesday, July 7, 1897.

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223

II.—Lylian Virginia Lynch,[4] daughter of Annie E. (79) and Lemuel E. Lynch; born Tuesday, August 24, 1897.

224

II.—James Roy Lane,[4] son of Mary F. (53) and Alva Lane; born Tuesday, August 31, 1897.

225

I.—William Gilbert Lane,[4] son of Mary C. (78) and Edward V. Lane; born Saturday, October 9, 1897.

226

V.—Gilbert Spence Waldron,[4] son of Norah A. (84) and Elmer M. Waldron; born Friday, February 4, 1898.

227

VIII.—Francis Willard Taylor,[4] son of Mary E. (20) and George M. Taylor; born Sunday, February 13, 1898.

228

II.—Nettie Margoria Todd,[4] daugter of Annie E. (51) and Thomas H. Todd; born Sunday, March 27, 1898.

229

III.—Frank Otto Hopkins,[5] son of Otto B. (91) and Gladys Hopkins; born Saturday, June 25, 1898.

230

III.—Ruth Wright,[4] daughter of Ludwin F. (18) and Georgianna Wright; born Monday, November 7, 1898; died Saturday, November 12, 1898.

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III.—Velma Keturah Bowers,[5] daughter of Indiana V. (92) and William R. Bowers; born Friday, December 2, 1898.

232

IV.—John Emory Payne,[4] son of Joseph E. (42) and Annie L. Payne; born Friday, December 16, 1898.

233

VI.—Roltza Coursey Cooper Hubbert,[4] son of James E. (28) and Ida V. Hubbert; born Tuesday, January 3, 1899.

234

IV.—Howard Nichols Harper,[4] son of Amanda L. (39) and Daniel H. Harper; born Saturday, January 7, 1899; died Monday, July 3, 1899.

235

VI.—Mary Jennie Wright,[4] daughter of Walter M. (60) and Jennie H. Wright; born Sunday, February 5, 1899.

236

II.—Alma May Dean,[4] daughter of Gertrude (54) and William R. Dean; born Monday, February 6, 1899; died Thursday, June 15, 1899.

237

I.—Lewis Elmer Biery,[5] son of Annie R. (96) and Benson B. Biery; born Friday, February 17, 1899.

238

VI.—Francis Darby Wright,[4] son of James T. (47) and Mary E. Wright; born Thursday, March 30, 1899; died Tuesday, July 4, 1899.

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239

III.—Claud Ellsworth Lynch,[4] son of Annie E. (79) and Lemuel E. Lynch; born Friday, July 28, 1899.

240

II.—John Milton Willey,[4] son of Mary M. (65) and Monroe M. Willey; born Saturday, August 26, 1899.

241

V.—Norman Billetor Wright,[4] son of William G. (76) and Laura B. Wright; born Thursday, August 31, 1899.

242

IX.—Ethel Thorp Taylor,[4] daughter of Mary E. (20) and George M. Taylor; born Saturday, December 9, 1899.

243

II.—Mildred Emeline Lane,[4] daughter of Mary C. (78) and Edward V. Lane; born Wednesday, January 10, 1900.

244

VI.—Jeremiah Fletcher Wright,[4] son of Beverley W. (17) and Emily Wright; born Saturday, January 27, 1900.

245

I.—Daughter,[4] born to Joseph M. (36) and Jennie B. Wright, Monday, May 7, 1900; died same day without name.

246

VI.—Harvey Buckley Waldron,[4] son of Norah A. (84) and Elmer M. Waldron; born Friday, June 1, 1900.

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247

VIII.—Leon Gray Wright,[4] son of William J. (59) and Mary E. Wright; born Sunday, July 15, 1900.

248

I.—Marion Wright Dewald,[4] daughter of Eliza A. (23) and Charles H. Dewald; born Sunday, July 22, 1900.

249

I.—Esther Frances Perry,[5] daughter of Harry O. (93) and Essie A. Perry; born Tuesday, August 28, 1900.

250

I.—Myrtle Elizabeth Wright Messick,[4] daughter of Margaret A. (63) and Arnold R. Messick; born Friday, November 16, 1900.

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CHAPTER IV.

DESCENDANTS OF THE GRANDCHILDREN OF JESSE WRIGHT BORN FROM JAN. 1, 1901, TO JAN. 1, 1907.

251

VII.—Harry Century Wright,[4] son of James T. (47) and Mary E. Wright; born Tuesday, January 1, 1901. (First child born in Baltimore, Md., in the 20th Century.)

252

XIV.—Claudia Beatrice Wright,[4] daughter of Jesse A. (58) and Dora Wright; born Saturday, March 30, 1901.

253

IV.—Katheleen Ward Wright,[4] daughter of Charles J. (72) and Annie E. Wright; born Monday, July 15, 1901.

254

VII.—James Edward Hubbert, Jr.,[4] son of James E. (28) and Ida V. Hubbert; born Sunday, August 11, 1901.

255

I.—Hilda Lydia Bell Wright,[4] daughter of German G. (57) and Flora B. Wright; born Friday, October 11, 1901.

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256

I.—Bertha May Miller,[5] daughter of Roxie V. (101) and Francis B. Miller; born Sunday, October 20, 1901.

257

IV.—Martha Louise Lynch,[4] daughter of Annie E. (79) and Lemuel E. Lynch; born Thursday, November 7, 1901.

258

V.—William Gilbert Payne,[4] son of Joseph E. (42) and Annie L. Payne; born Friday, February 21, 1902.

259

III.—Madison Heber Lane,[4] son of Mary C. (78) and Edward V. Lane; born Wednesday, June 4, 1902.

260

VII.—Melvin Clarck Waldron,[4] son of Norah A. (84) and Elmer M. Waldron; born Saturday, July 12, 1902.

261

II.—Waldron Bradley Wright,[4] son of Olliver R. (61) and Addie M. Wright; born Friday, August 1, 1902; died Sunday, August 23, 1903.

262

IV.—Earl Spencer Hopkins,[5] son of Otto B. (91) and Gladys Hopkins; born Tuesday, September 2, 1902.

263

I.—Theodore Noble Wright,[5] son of Edward O. (102) and Nettie R. Wright; born Saturday, September 6, 1902.

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264

VI.—Thressa Aileen Leonard,[4] daughter of Cora L. (48) and Charles H. Leonard; born Monday, September 8, 1902.

265

I.—Anna May LeCompt,[4] daughter of Hattie M. (89) and John Kos LeCompt; born Wednesday, September 24, 1902.

266

VIII.—Thomas Martin Wright,[4] son of James T. (47) and Mary E. Wright; born Thursday, November 27, 1902.

267

I.—Mary Elizabeth Wright,[4] daughter of Martin M. (64) and Mary R. Wright; born Tuesday, January 27, 1903.

268

I.—Rachael Eugenia Noble Payne,[5] daughter of John W. (98) and Clara A. N. Payne; born Tuesday, February 17, 1903.

269

VII.—Louise Wright,[4] daughter of Walter M. (60) and Jennie H. Wright; born Thursday, March 12, 1903.

270

III.—Bertha Adella Wright,[4] daughter of George K. (75) and Minnie P. Wright; born Sunday, June 21, 1903.

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271

I.—Albert Lee Tull,[4] son of Addie L. (87) and George M. Tull; born Saturday, August 1, 1903.

272

II.—Altha Hayzel Miller,[5], daughter of Roxie V. (101) and Francis B. Miller; born Sunday, August 2, 1903.

273

II.—John Wright Messick,[4] son of Margaret A. (63) and Arnold R. Messick; born Sunday, September 6, 1903.

274

II.—Dorothy Pauline Wright,[4] daughter of German G. (57) and Flora B. Wright; born Monday, September 14, 1903.

275

VI.—Elgin Payne,[4] daughter of Joseph E. (42) and Annie L. Payne; born Tuesday, November 24, 1903.

276

II.—Hazel Manettie Wright,[5] daughter of Edward O. (102) and Nettie R. Wright; born Tuesday, December 1, 1903.

277

XV.—Leslie Brantley Wright,[4] son of Jesse A. (58) and Dora Wright; born Monday, January 11, 1904.

278

IV.—Edward Wright Lane,[4] son of Mary C. (78) and Edward V. Lane; born Wednesday, February 24, 1904.

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IV.—Phyllis Lucia Bowers,[5] daughter of India V. (92) and William P. Bowers; born Tuesday, July 26, 1904.

280

V.—Agnes Susana Lynch,[4] daughter of Annie E. (79) and Lemuel E. Lynch; born Monday, August 22, 1904.

281

IV.—Erva Butler Wright,[4] son of Charles J. (72) and Annie E. Wright; born Friday, September 30, 1904.

282

VII.—Irene Kelley Wright,[4] daughter of Beverley W. (17) and Emily Wright; born Saturday, October 1, 1904.

283

I.—Dorothy Emily Wright,[4] daughter of Frederick N. (81) and Lula E. Wright; born Friday, June 30, 1905; died Sunday, August 13, 1905.

284

III.—Audrey Lucille Wright,[5] daughter of Edward O. (102) and Nettie R. Wright; born Monday, July 3, 1905.

285

VIII.—Philip Rawlins Hubbert,[4] son of James E. (28) and Ida V. Hubbert; born Saturday, July 8, 1905.

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286

VI.—Maud Virginia Wright,[4] daughter of William G. (76) and Lula B. Wright; born Tuesday, September 19, 1905.

287

I.—James Nelson Wright,[5] son of Ernest N. (115) and Minnie G. Wright; born Thursday, October 5, 1905.

288

III.—Henry Garfield Wright,[4] son of German G. (57) and Flora B. Wright; born Thursday, January 11, 1906; died Monday, February 12, 1906.

289

III.—George Galloway Messick,[4] son of Margaret A. (63) and Arnold R. Messick; born Thursday, March 29, 1906.

290

VI.—Althea Lovica Lynch,[4] daughter of Annie E. (79) and Lemuel E. Lynch; born Sunday, April 15, 1906.

291

VIII.—Edith Marie Waldron,[4] daughter of Nora A. (84) and Elmer M. Waldron; born Tuesday, May 15, 1906.

292

I.—Margaret Stockley Wright,[4] daughter of Capt. Charles W. (34) and Cornelia S. Wright; born Tuesday, May 22, 1906.

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293

V.—Roland Bryan Lane,[4] son of Mary C. (78) and Edward V. Lane; born Friday, June 29, 1906 .

294

VIII.—Dorothy Wright,[4] daughter of Walter M. (60) and Jennie H. Wright; born Thursday, August 23, 1906.

295

I.—Leonard Carlisle King,[5] son of Iphagenia (121) and Rev. William D. King; born Sunday, September 16, 1906.

296

I.—Joseph Elmer Reed,[5] son of Minnie E. (119) and Joseph H. Reed; born Tuesday, November 6, 1906.

297

I.—Clarence Elmer Wright,[5] son of Clarence E. (104) and Daisy L. Wright; born Friday, November 9, 1906.

298

II.—Leslie Larrimore Wright,[4] son of Frederick N. (81) and Lula E. Wright; born Wednesday, November 30, 1906.

299

IV.—Orland Ray Wright,[5] son of Edward O. (102) and Nettie R. Wright; born Sunday, December 30, 1906.

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INDEX, BY NUMBER, OF THE DESCENDANTS OF JESSE WRIGHT

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NOTE OF EXPLANATION.

A descendant may trace their line back to their paternal ancestor, Jesse Wright, by finding in the following Index their last name, follow down the column until their first name and initial or second name is found (if a female, their maiden name is given); opposite the name will be found their number; then turn to the same number in the Record; thence follow number of ancestor.

Example.

Audrey L. Wright; opposite is 284; then find the same number in the Record, as folows:

284

III.—Audrey Lucille Wright,[5] daughter of Edward O. (102). This shows her to be the third child, fifth generation, and father's number is 102; which find:

102

I.—Edward Orlan Wright,[4] son of William J. (59). This shows him to be the first child, fourth generation, and father's number is 59; which find:

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II.—William James Wright,[3], son of John R. (7). This shows him to be the second child, third generation, and father's number is 7; which find, and so on.

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